

Communication-Avoiding Algorithms for Linear Algebra and Beyond

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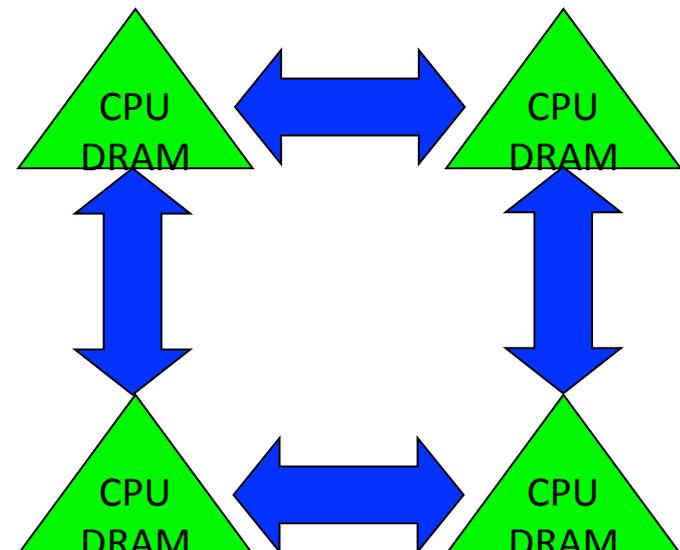
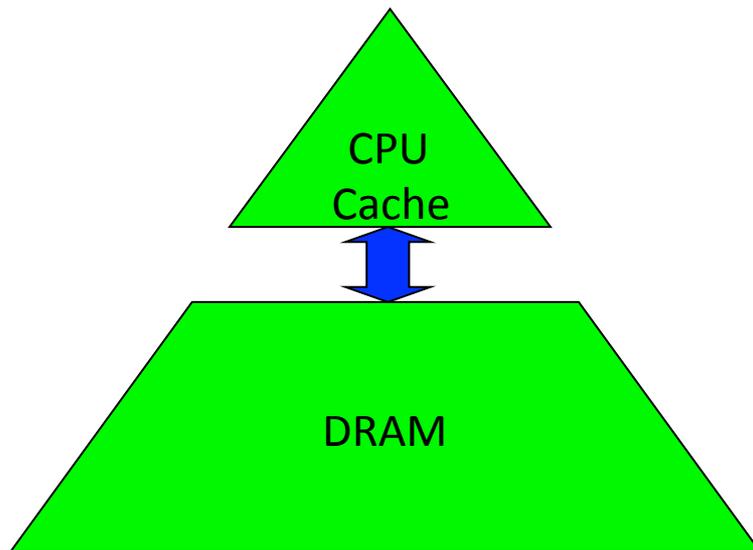
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Why avoid communication? (1/3)

Algorithms have two costs (measured in time or energy):

1. Arithmetic (FLOPS)
2. Communication: moving data between
 - levels of a memory hierarchy (sequential case)
 - processors over a network (parallel case).



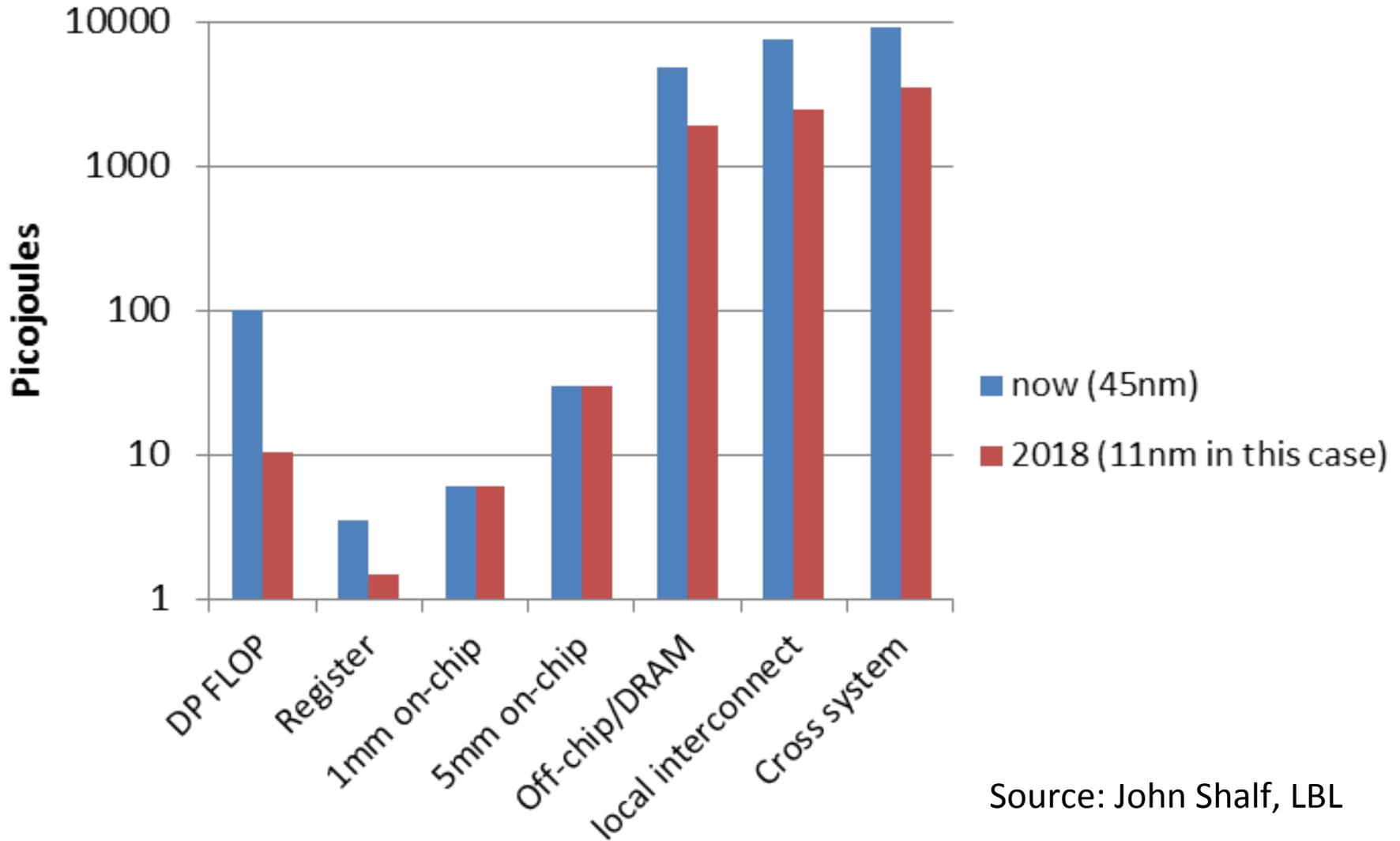
Why avoid communication? (2/3)

- Running time of an algorithm is sum of 3 terms:
 - # flops * time_per_flop
 - # words moved / bandwidth
 - # messages * latency } communication
- Time_per_flop \ll 1/ bandwidth \ll latency
 - Gaps growing exponentially with time [FOOSC]

Annual improvements			
Time_per_flop		Bandwidth	Latency
59%	Network	26%	15%
	DRAM	23%	5%

- Avoid communication to save time

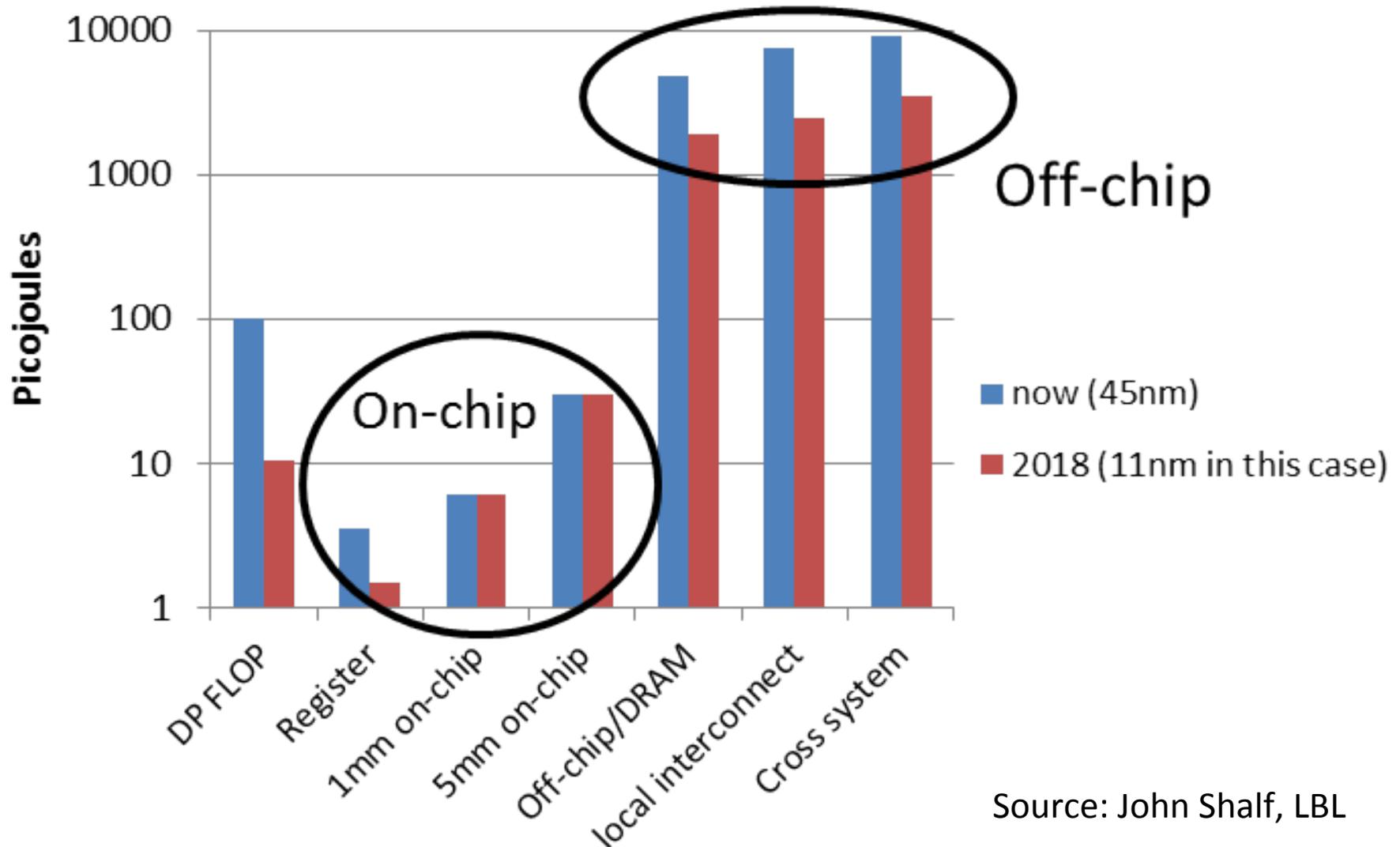
Why Minimize Communication? (3/3)



Source: John Shalf, LBL

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Minimize communication to save energy



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Goals

- Redesign algorithms to *avoid* communication
 - Between all memory hierarchy levels
 - L1 \leftrightarrow L2 \leftrightarrow DRAM \leftrightarrow network, etc
- Attain lower bounds if possible
 - Current algorithms often far from lower bounds
 - Large speedups and energy savings possible

President Obama cites Communication-Avoiding Algorithms in the FY 2012 Department of Energy Budget Request to Congress:

“New Algorithm Improves Performance and Accuracy on Extreme-Scale Computing Systems. **On modern computer architectures, communication between processors takes longer than the performance of a floating point arithmetic operation by a given processor.** ASCR researchers have developed a new method, derived from commonly used linear algebra methods, to **minimize communications between processors and the memory hierarchy, by reformulating the communication patterns specified within the algorithm.** This method has been implemented in the TRILINOS framework, a highly-regarded suite of software, which provides functionality for researchers around the world to solve large scale, complex multi-physics problems.”



FY 2010 Congressional Budget, Volume 4, FY2010 Accomplishments, Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR), pages 65-67.

CA-GMRES (Hoemmen, Mohiyuddin, Yelick, JD)
“Tall-Skinny” QR (Grigori, Hoemmen, Langou, JD)

Outline

- Survey state of the art of CA (Comm-Avoiding) algorithms
 - Review previous Matmul algorithms
 - CA $O(n^3)$ 2.5D Matmul and LU
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Summary of CA Linear Algebra

- “Direct” Linear Algebra
 - Lower bounds on communication for linear algebra problems like $Ax=b$, least squares, $Ax = \lambda x$, SVD, etc
 - Mostly not attained by algorithms in standard libraries
 - New algorithms that attain these lower bounds
 - Being added to libraries: Sca/LAPACK, PLASMA, MAGMA
 - Large speed-ups possible
 - Autotuning to find optimal implementation
- Ditto for “Iterative” Linear Algebra

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 - Matmul, BLAS, LU, QR, eig, SVD, tensor contractions, ...
 - Some whole programs (sequences of these operations, no matter how individual ops are interleaved, eg A^k)
 - Dense and sparse matrices (where $\#flops \ll n^3$)
 - Sequential and parallel algorithms
 - Some graph-theoretic algorithms (eg Floyd-Warshall)

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SIAM SIAG/Linear Algebra Prize, 2012

Ballard, D., Holtz, Schwartz

Can we attain these lower bounds?

- Do conventional dense algorithms as implemented in LAPACK and ScaLAPACK attain these bounds?
 - Often not
- If not, are there other algorithms that do?
 - Yes, for much of dense linear algebra, APSP
 - New algorithms, with new numerical properties, new ways to encode answers, new data structures
 - Not just loop transformations (need those too!)
- Only a few sparse algorithms so far
 - Ex: Matmul of “random” sparse matrices
 - Ex: Sparse Cholesky of matrices with “large” separators
- Lots of work in progress

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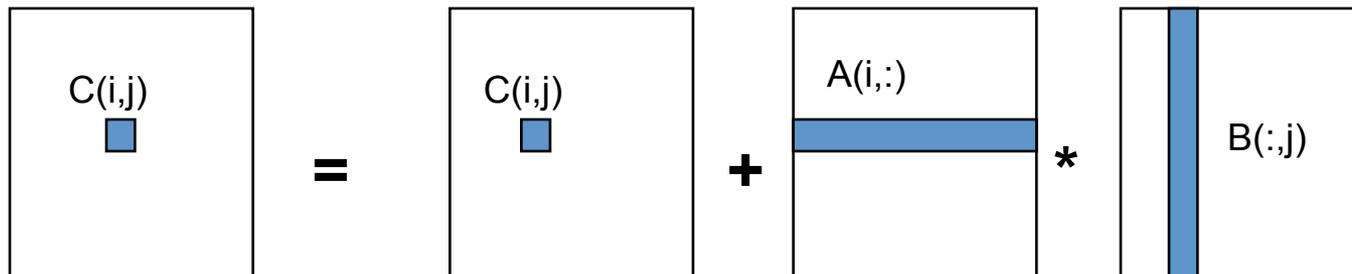
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  for j = 1 to n
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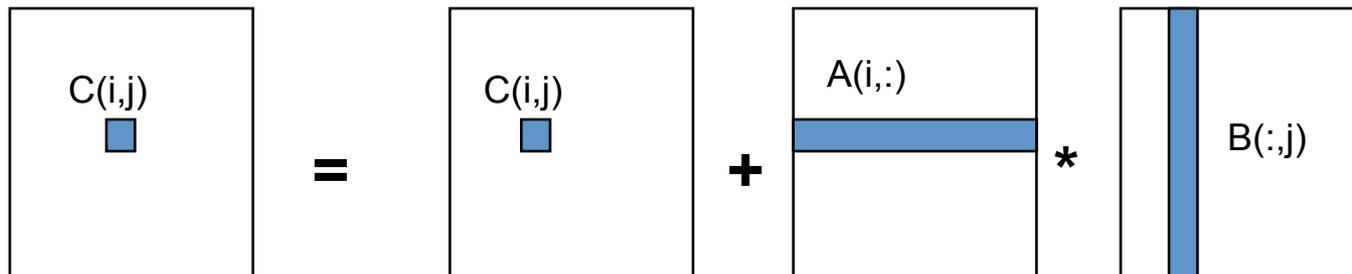
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    {read  $C(i,j)$  into fast memory}
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    {read column j of B into fast memory}
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    for k = 1 to n
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    {write  $C(i,j)$  back to slow memory}
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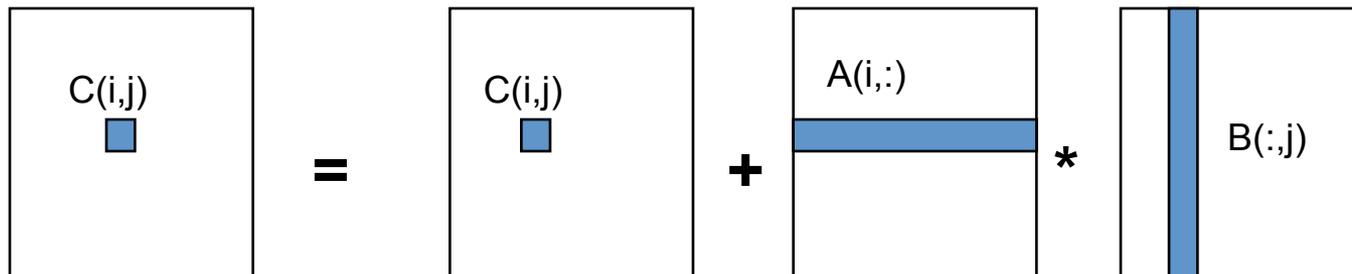
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... n^2 writes altogether



$n^3 + 3n^2$ reads/writes altogether – dominates $2n^3$ arithmetic

Blocked (Tiled) Matrix Multiply

Consider A, B, C to be n/b -by- n/b matrices of b -by- b subblocks where b is called the **block size**; assume 3 b -by- b blocks fit in fast memory

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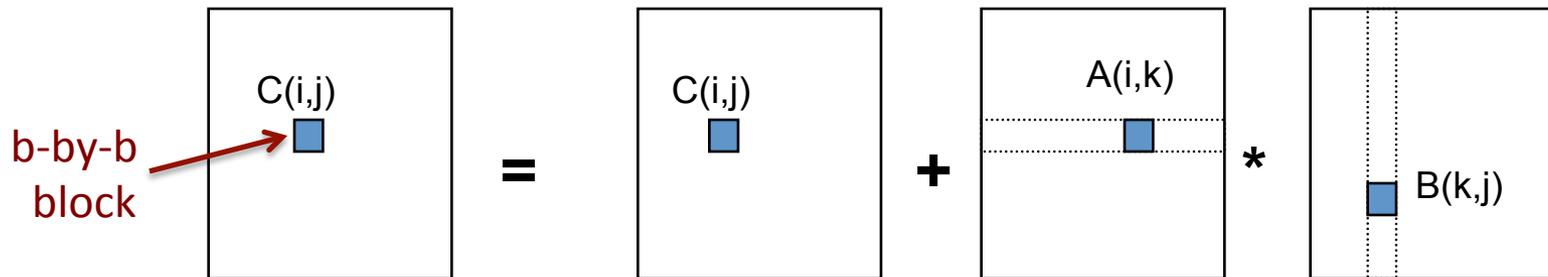
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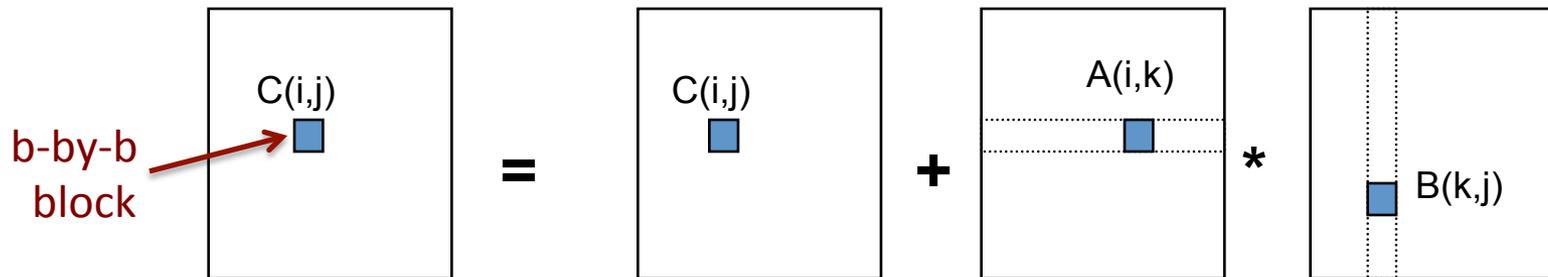
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{write block $C(i,j)$ back to slow memory} ... $b^2 \times (n/b)^2 = n^2$ writes



$2n^3/b + 2n^2$ reads/writes $\ll 2n^3$ arithmetic - Faster!

Does blocked matmul attain lower bound?

- Recall: if 3 b-by-b blocks fit in fast memory of size M, then #reads/writes = $2n^3/b + 2n^2$
- Make b as large as possible: $3b^2 \leq M$, so #reads/writes $\geq 3^{1/2}n^3/M^{1/2} + 2n^2$
- Attains lower bound = $\Omega(\text{\#flops} / M^{1/2})$

- But what if we don't know M?
- Or if there are multiple levels of fast memory?
- Can use "Cache Oblivious" algorithm

Recursive Matrix Multiplication (RMM) (1/2)

- For simplicity: square matrices with $n = 2^m$

- $$C = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix} = A \cdot B = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} \cdot B_{11} + A_{12} \cdot B_{21} & A_{11} \cdot B_{12} + A_{12} \cdot B_{22} \\ A_{21} \cdot B_{11} + A_{22} \cdot B_{21} & A_{21} \cdot B_{12} + A_{22} \cdot B_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

- True when each A_{ij} etc 1×1 or $n/2 \times n/2$

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      C22 = RMM (A21, B12, n/2) + RMM (A22, B22, n/2) }
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  return
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Recursive Matrix Multiplication (RMM) (2/2)

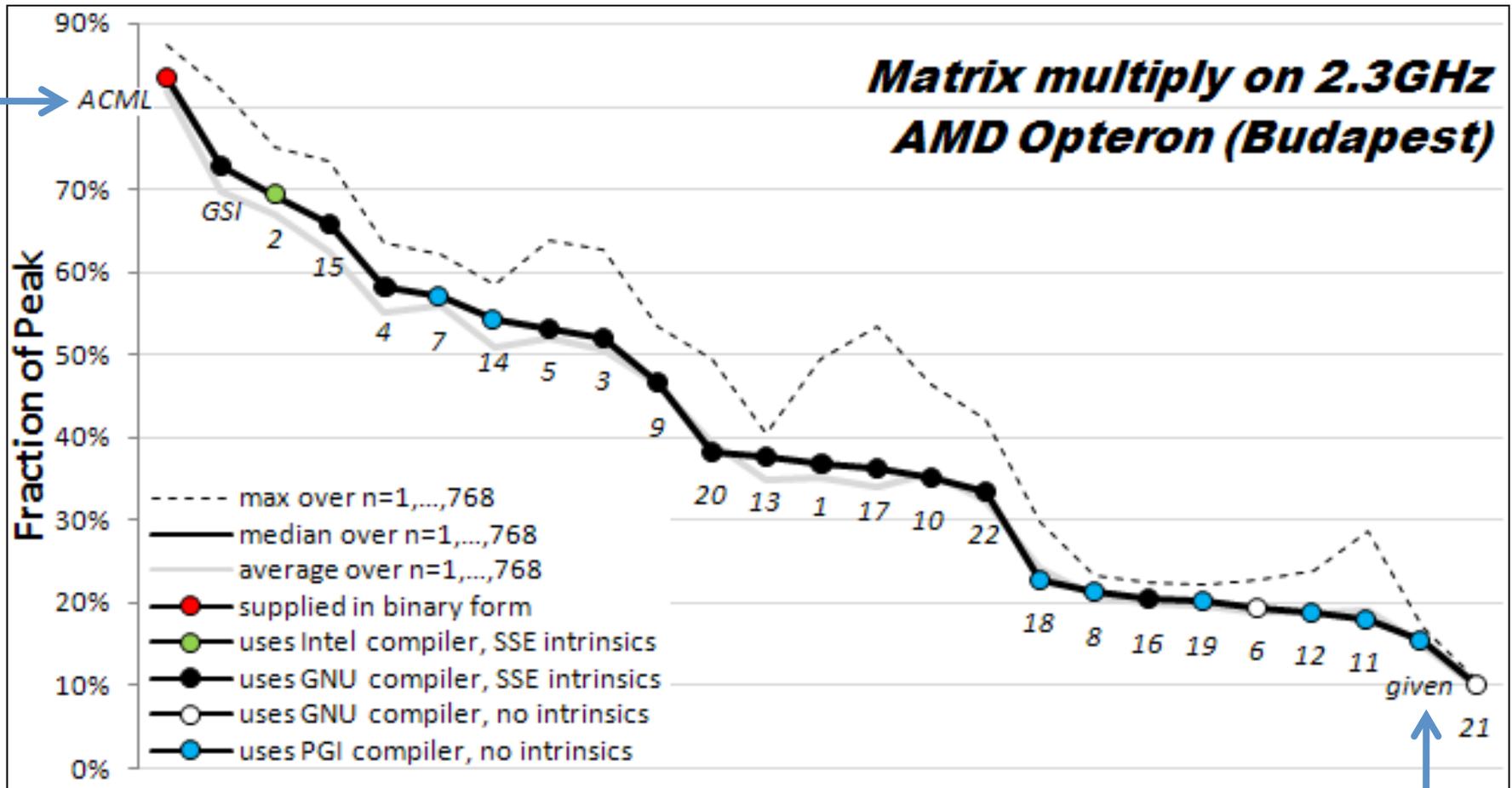
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$A(n)$ = # arithmetic operations in $RMM(\cdot, \cdot, n)$
= $8 \cdot A(n/2) + 4(n/2)^2$ if $n > 1$, else 1
= $2n^3$... same operations as usual, in different order

$W(n)$ = # words moved between fast, slow memory by $RMM(\cdot, \cdot, n)$
= $8 \cdot W(n/2) + 12(n/2)^2$ if $3n^2 > M$, else $3n^2$
= $O(n^3 / M^{1/2} + n^2)$... same as blocked matmul

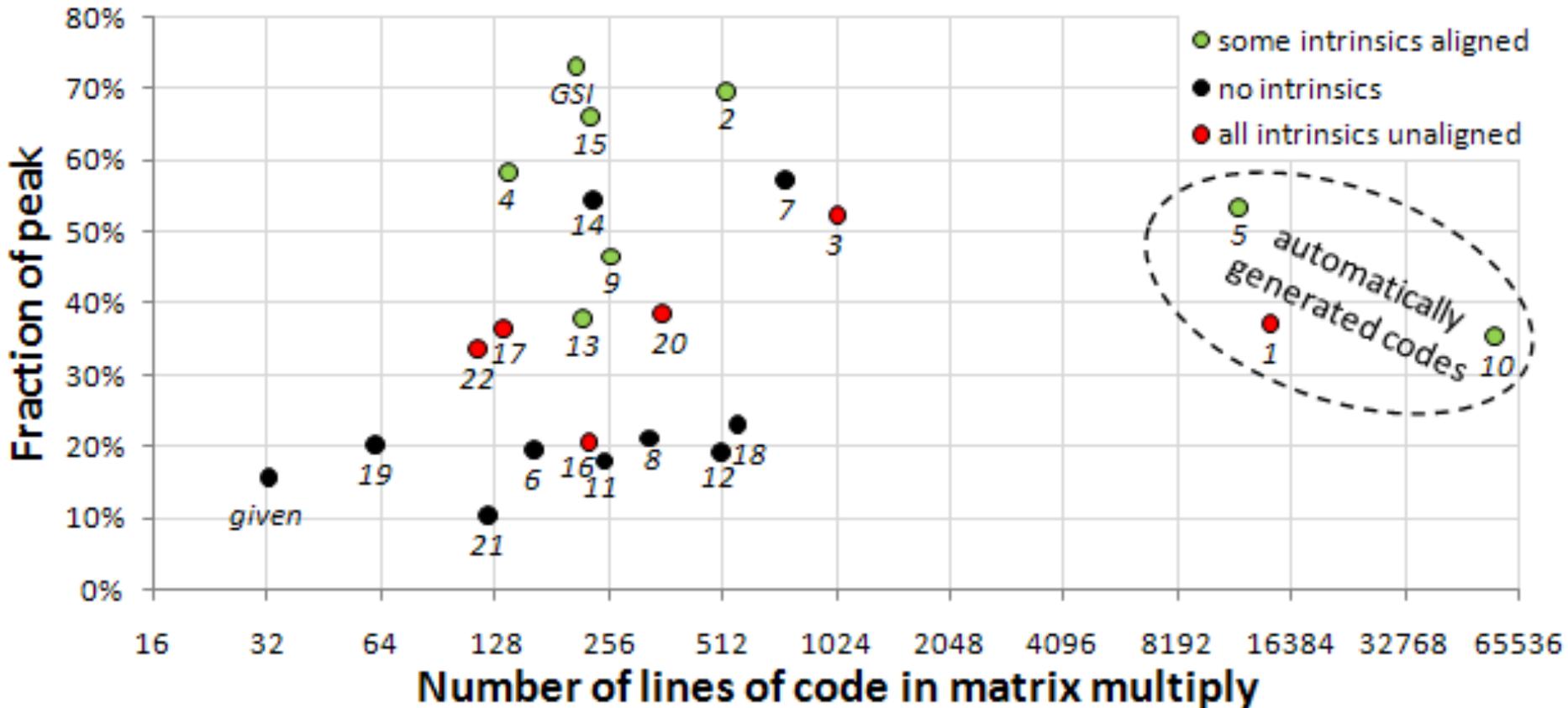
“Cache oblivious”, works for memory hierarchies, but not panacea

How hard is hand-tuning matmul, anyway?

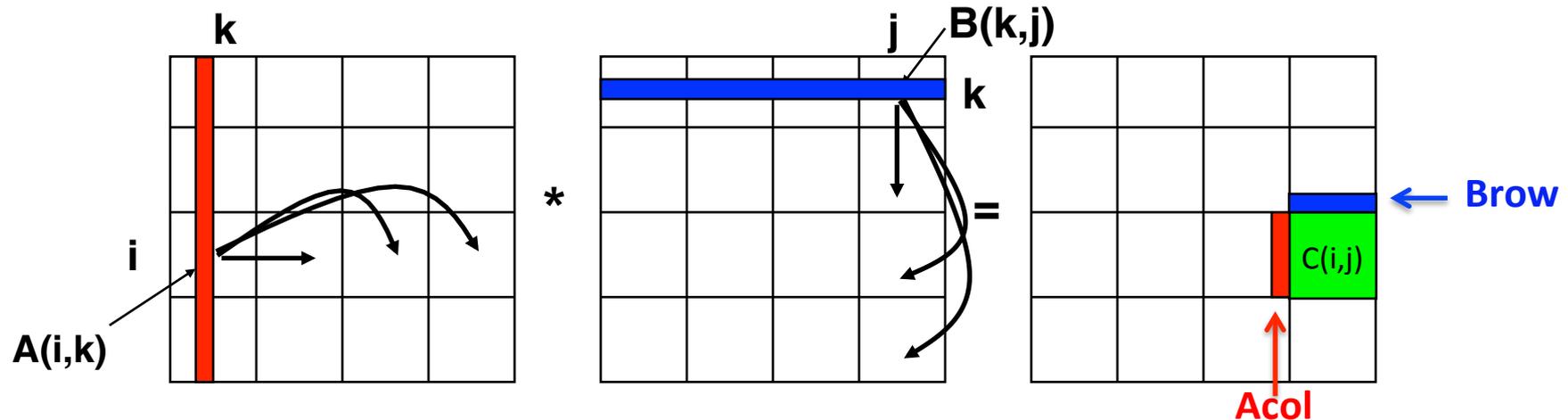


- Results of 22 student teams trying to tune matrix-multiply, in CS267 Spr09
- Students given “blocked” code to start with (7x faster than naïve)
- Still hard to get close to vendor tuned performance (ACML) (another 6x)
- For more discussion, see www.cs.berkeley.edu/~volkov/cs267.sp09/hw1/results/

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SUMMA– $n \times n$ matmul on $P^{1/2} \times P^{1/2}$ grid (nearly) optimal using minimum memory $M=O(n^2/P)$



For $k=0$ to $n/b-1$... $b = \text{block size} = \text{\#cols in } A(i,k) = \text{\#rows in } B(k,j)$
 for all $i = 1$ to $P^{1/2}$
 owner of $A(i,k)$ broadcasts it to whole processor row (using binary tree)
 for all $j = 1$ to $P^{1/2}$
 owner of $B(k,j)$ broadcasts it to whole processor column (using bin. tree)
 Receive $A(i,k)$ into $Acol$
 Receive $B(k,j)$ into $Brow$
 $C_{\text{myproc}} = C_{\text{myproc}} + Acol * Brow$

Summary of dense parallel algorithms attaining communication lower bounds

- Assume $n \times n$ matrices on P processors
- Minimum Memory per processor = $M = O(n^2 / P)$
- Recall lower bounds:
#words_moved = $\Omega((n^3 / P) / M^{1/2}) = \Omega(n^2 / P^{1/2})$
#messages = $\Omega((n^3 / P) / M^{3/2}) = \Omega(P^{1/2})$
- Does ScaLAPACK attain these bounds?
 - For #words_moved: mostly, except nonsym. Eigenproblem
 - For #messages: asymptotically worse, except Cholesky
- New algorithms attain all bounds, up to polylog(P) factors
 - Cholesky, LU, QR, Sym. and Nonsym eigenproblems, SVD

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- Aren't we already optimal?
- Why assume $M = O(n^2/p)$, i.e. minimal?
 - Lower bound still true if more memory
 - Can we attain it?
- Special case: “3D Matmul”
 - Uses $M = O(n^2/p^{2/3})$
 - Dekel, Nassimi, Sahni [81], Bernstein [89], Agarwal, Chandra, Snir [90], Johnson [93], Agarwal, Balle, Gustavson, Joshi, Palkar [95]
- Not always $p^{1/3}$ times as much memory available...

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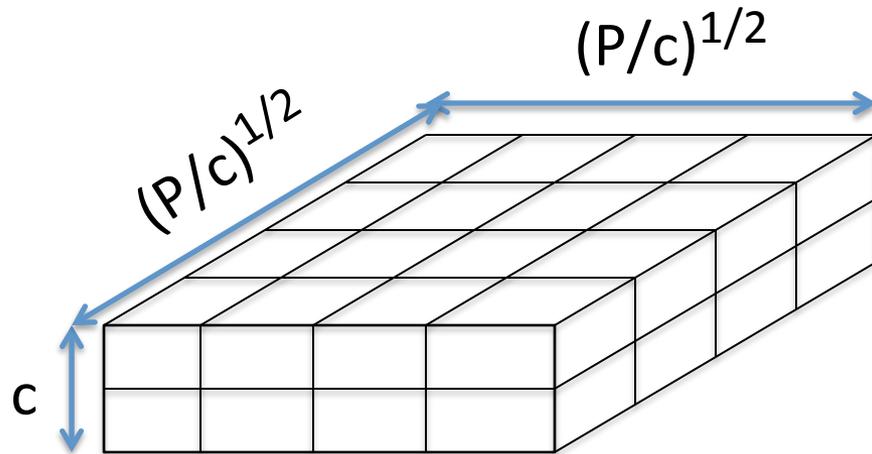
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 - Processors arranged in $p^{1/3} \times p^{1/3} \times p^{1/3}$ grid
 - Processor (i,j,k) performs $C(i,j) = C(i,j) + A(i,k)*B(k,j)$, where each submatrix is $n/p^{1/3} \times n/p^{1/3}$
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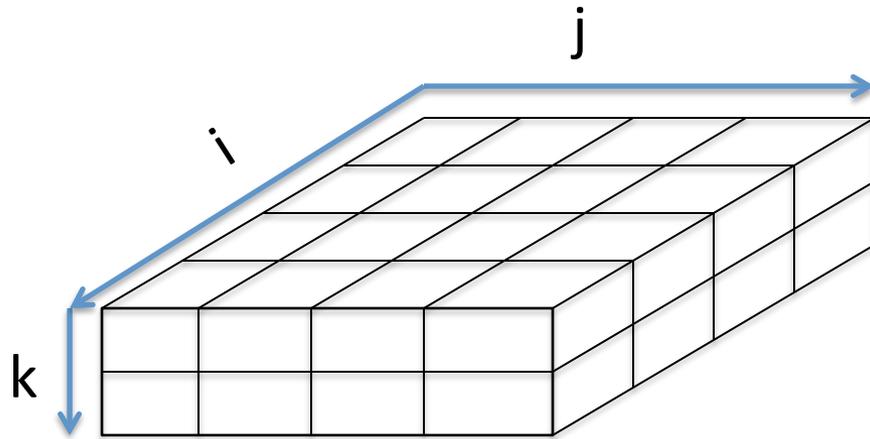
- Assume can fit cn^2/P data per processor, $c > 1$
- Processors form $(P/c)^{1/2} \times (P/c)^{1/2} \times c$ grid



Example: $P = 32$, $c = 2$

2.5D Matrix Multiplication

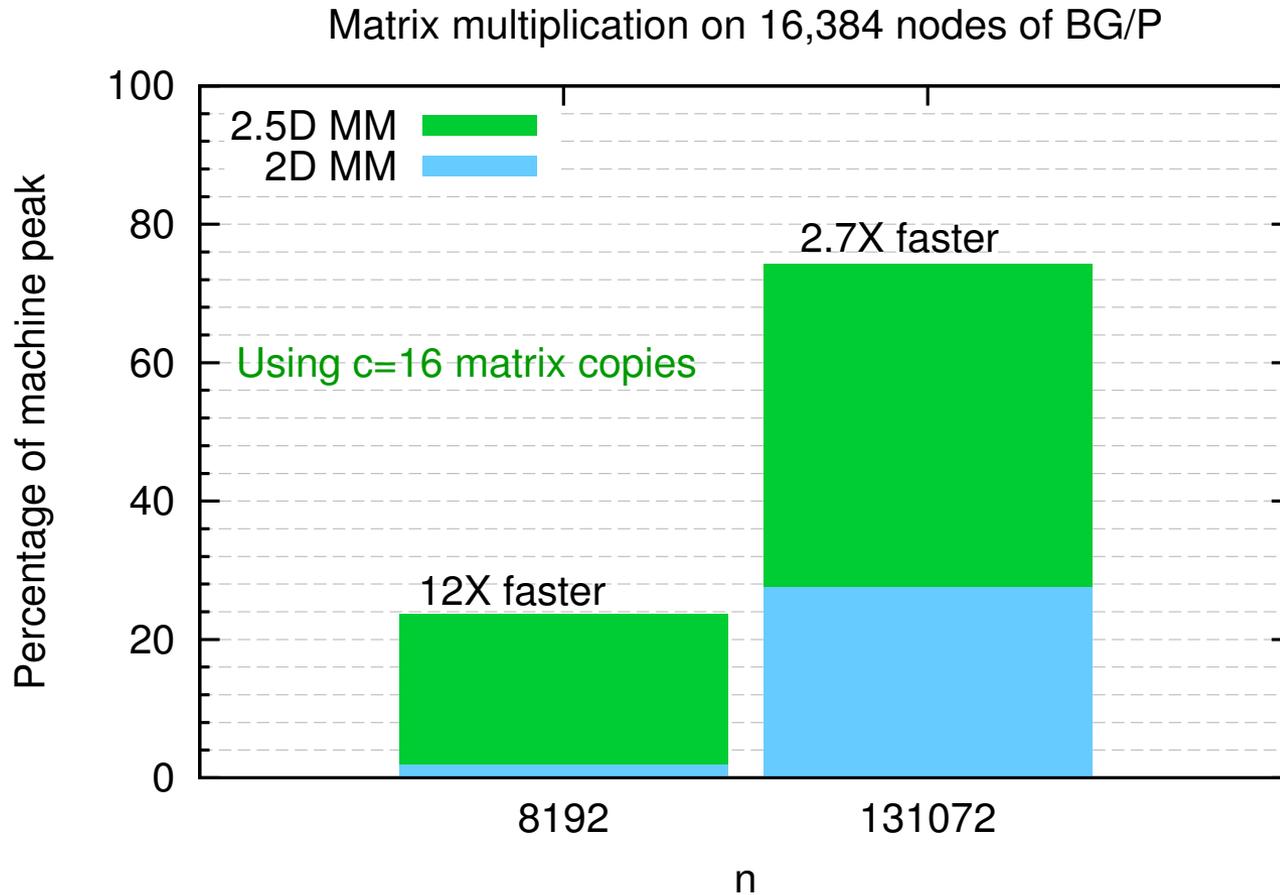
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Initially $P(i,j,0)$ owns $A(i,j)$ and $B(i,j)$
each of size $n(c/P)^{1/2} \times n(c/P)^{1/2}$

- (1) $P(i,j,0)$ broadcasts $A(i,j)$ and $B(i,j)$ to $P(i,j,k)$
- (2) Processors at level k perform $1/c$ -th of SUMMA, i.e. $1/c$ -th of $\sum_m A(i,m)*B(m,j)$
- (3) Sum-reduce partial sums $\sum_m A(i,m)*B(m,j)$ along k -axis so $P(i,j,0)$ owns $C(i,j)$

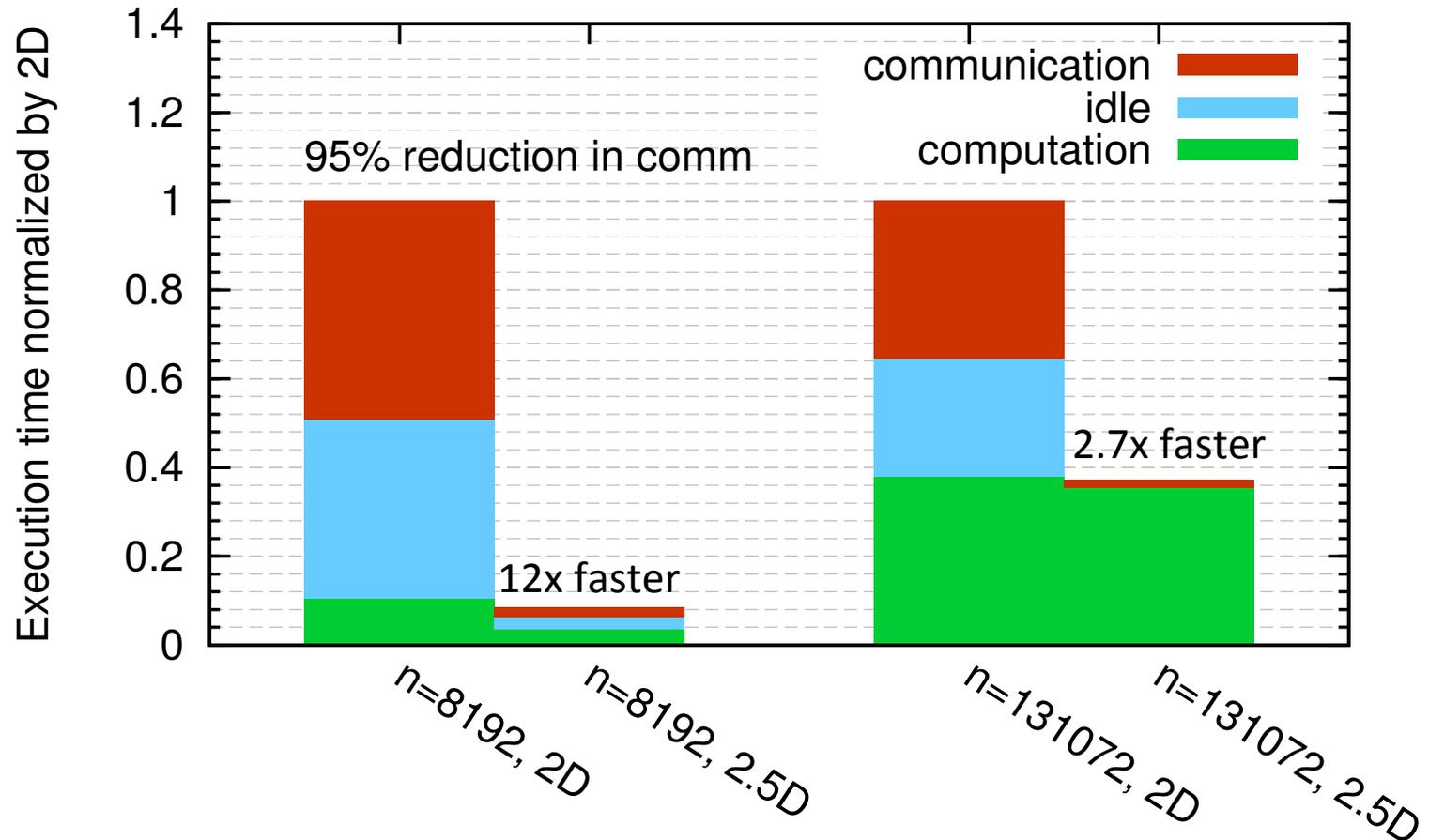
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c = 16 copies

Matrix multiplication on 16,384 nodes of BG/P



Distinguished Paper Award, EuroPar'11 (Solomonik, D.)
SC'11 paper by Solomonik, Bhatele, D.

Perfect Strong Scaling – in Time and Energy

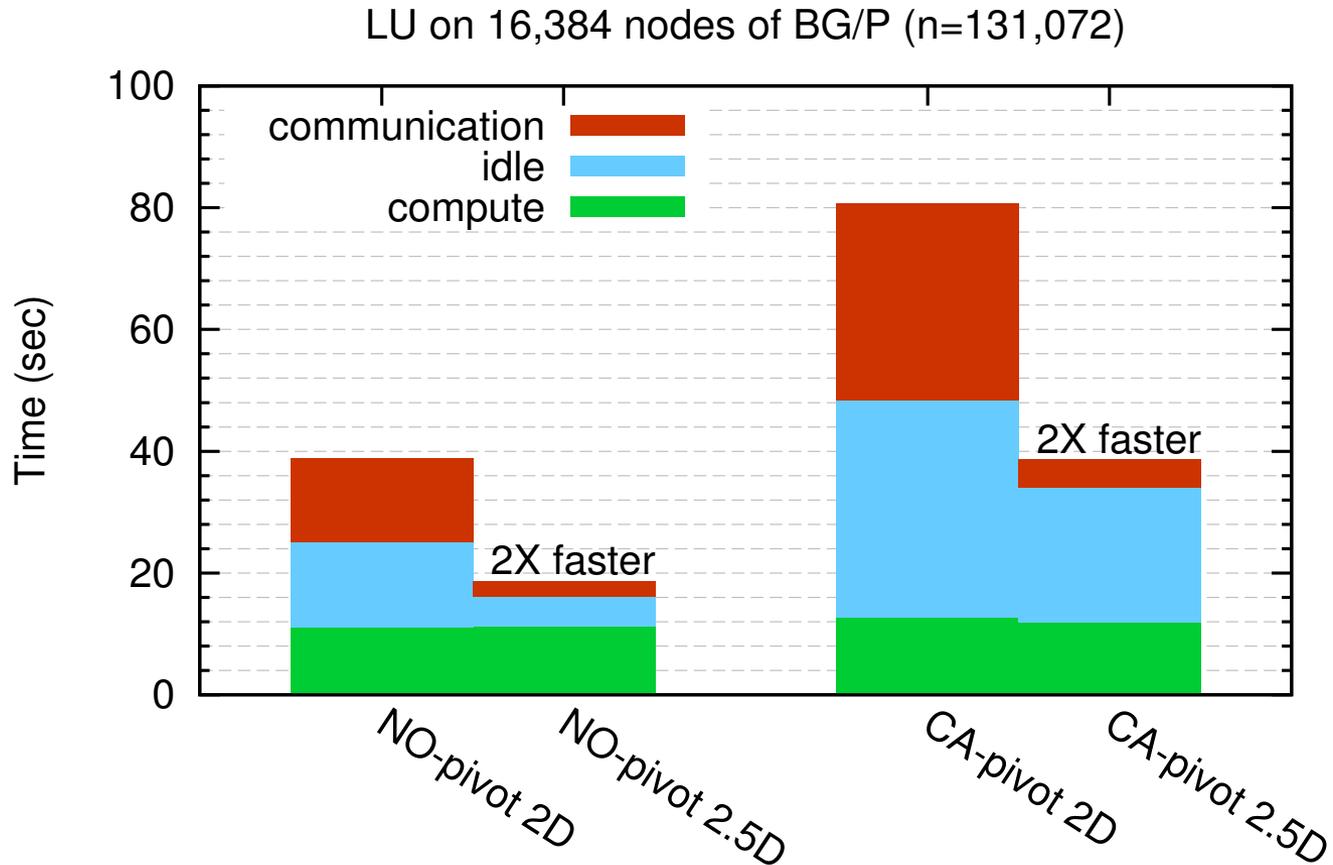
- Every time you add a processor, you should use its memory M too
- Start with minimal number of procs: $PM = 3n^2$
- Increase P by a factor of $c \rightarrow$ total memory increases by a factor of c
- Notation for timing model:
 - $\gamma_T, \beta_T, \alpha_T =$ secs per flop, per word_moved, per message of size m
- $T(cP) = n^3/(cP) [\gamma_T + \beta_T/M^{1/2} + \alpha_T/(mM^{1/2})]$
 $= T(P)/c$
- Notation for energy model:
 - $\gamma_E, \beta_E, \alpha_E =$ joules for same operations
 - $\delta_E =$ joules per word of memory used per sec
 - $\epsilon_E =$ joules per sec for leakage, etc.
- $E(cP) = cP \{ n^3/(cP) [\gamma_E + \beta_E/M^{1/2} + \alpha_E/(mM^{1/2})] + \delta_E MT(cP) + \epsilon_E T(cP) \}$
 $= E(P)$
- Extends to N-body, Strassen, ...
- Can prove lower bounds on needed network (eg 3D torus for matmul)

Perfect Strong Scaling – in Time and Energy (2/2)

- $T(cP) = n^3/(cP) [\gamma_T + \beta_T/M^{1/2} + \alpha_T/(mM^{1/2})] = T(P)/c$
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- Perfect scaling extends to N-body, Strassen, ...
- We can use these models to answer many questions, including:
 - What is the minimum energy required for a computation?
 - Given a maximum allowed runtime T , what is the minimum energy E needed to achieve it?
 - Given a maximum energy budget E , what is the minimum runtime T that we can attain?
 - The ratio $P = E/T$ gives us the average power required to run the algorithm. Can we minimize the average power consumed?
 - Given an algorithm, problem size, number of processors and target energy efficiency (GFLOPS/W), can we determine a set of architectural parameters to describe a conforming computer architecture?

2.5D vs 2D LU

With and Without Pivoting



Thm: Perfect Strong Scaling impossible, because $\text{Latency} * \text{Bandwidth} = \Omega(n^2)$

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TSQR: QR of a Tall, Skinny matrix

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} W_0 \\ W_1 \\ W_2 \\ W_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} R_{00} \\ R_{10} \\ R_{20} \\ R_{30} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Q_{01} & R_{01} \\ Q_{11} & R_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} R_{01} \\ R_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Q_{02} & R_{02} \end{pmatrix}$$

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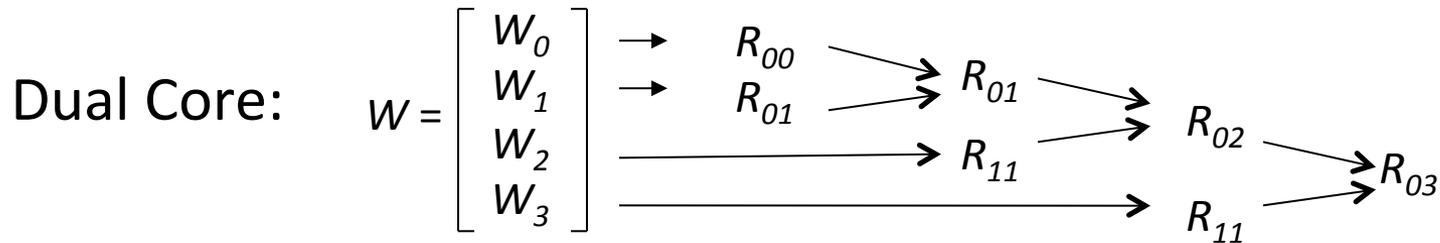
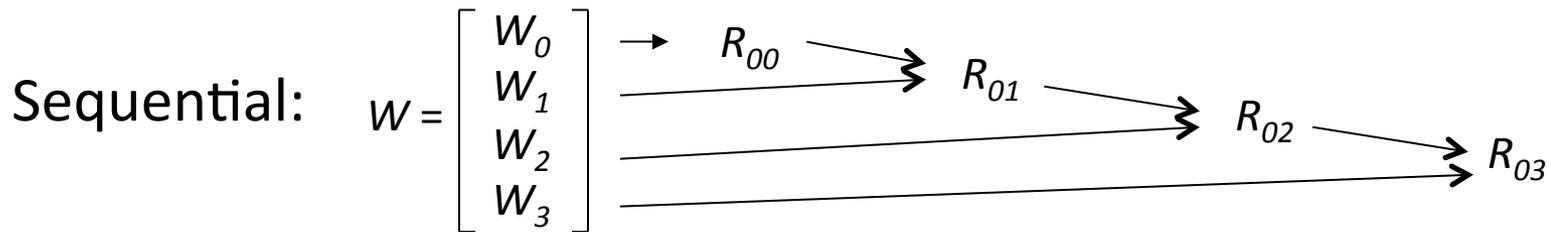
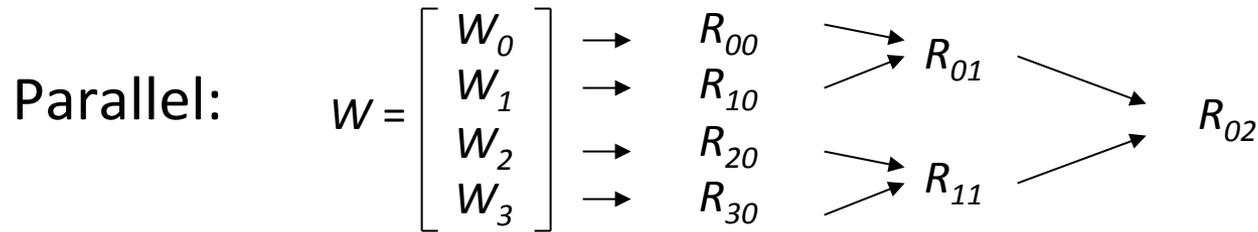
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$$\begin{pmatrix} R_{01} \\ R_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Q_{02} & R_{02} \end{pmatrix}$$

Output = $\{ Q_{00}, Q_{10}, Q_{20}, Q_{30}, Q_{01}, Q_{11}, Q_{02}, R_{02} \}$

TSQR: An Architecture-Dependent Algorithm



Multicore / Multisocket / Multirack / Multisite / Out-of-core: ?

Can choose reduction tree dynamically

TSQR Performance Results

- Parallel
 - Intel Clovertown
 - Up to **8x** speedup (8 core, dual socket, 10M x 10)
 - Pentium III cluster, Dolphin Interconnect, MPICH
 - Up to **6.7x** speedup (16 procs, 100K x 200)
 - BlueGene/L
 - Up to **4x** speedup (32 procs, 1M x 50)
 - Tesla C 2050 / Fermi
 - Up to **13x** (110,592 x 100)
 - Grid – **4x** on 4 cities vs 1 city (Dongarra, Langou et al)
 - Cloud – **1.6x slower than just accessing data twice** (Gleich and Benson)
- Sequential
 - “**Infinite speedup**” for out-of-core on PowerPC laptop
 - As little as 2x slowdown vs (predicted) infinite DRAM
 - LAPACK with virtual memory never finished
- SVD costs about the same
- Joint work with Grigori, Hoemmen, Langou, Anderson, Ballard, Keutzer, others

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Back to LU: Using similar idea for TSLU as TSQR: Use reduction tree, to do “Tournament Pivoting”

$$W^{n \times b} = \begin{pmatrix} W_1 \\ W_2 \\ W_3 \\ W_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_1 \cdot L_1 \cdot U_1 \\ P_2 \cdot L_2 \cdot U_2 \\ P_3 \cdot L_3 \cdot U_3 \\ P_4 \cdot L_4 \cdot U_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Choose b pivot rows of W_1 , call them W_1'
 Choose b pivot rows of W_2 , call them W_2'
 Choose b pivot rows of W_3 , call them W_3'
 Choose b pivot rows of W_4 , call them W_4'

$$\begin{pmatrix} W_1' \\ W_2' \\ W_3' \\ W_4' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_{12} \cdot L_{12} \cdot U_{12} \\ P_{34} \cdot L_{34} \cdot U_{34} \end{pmatrix}$$

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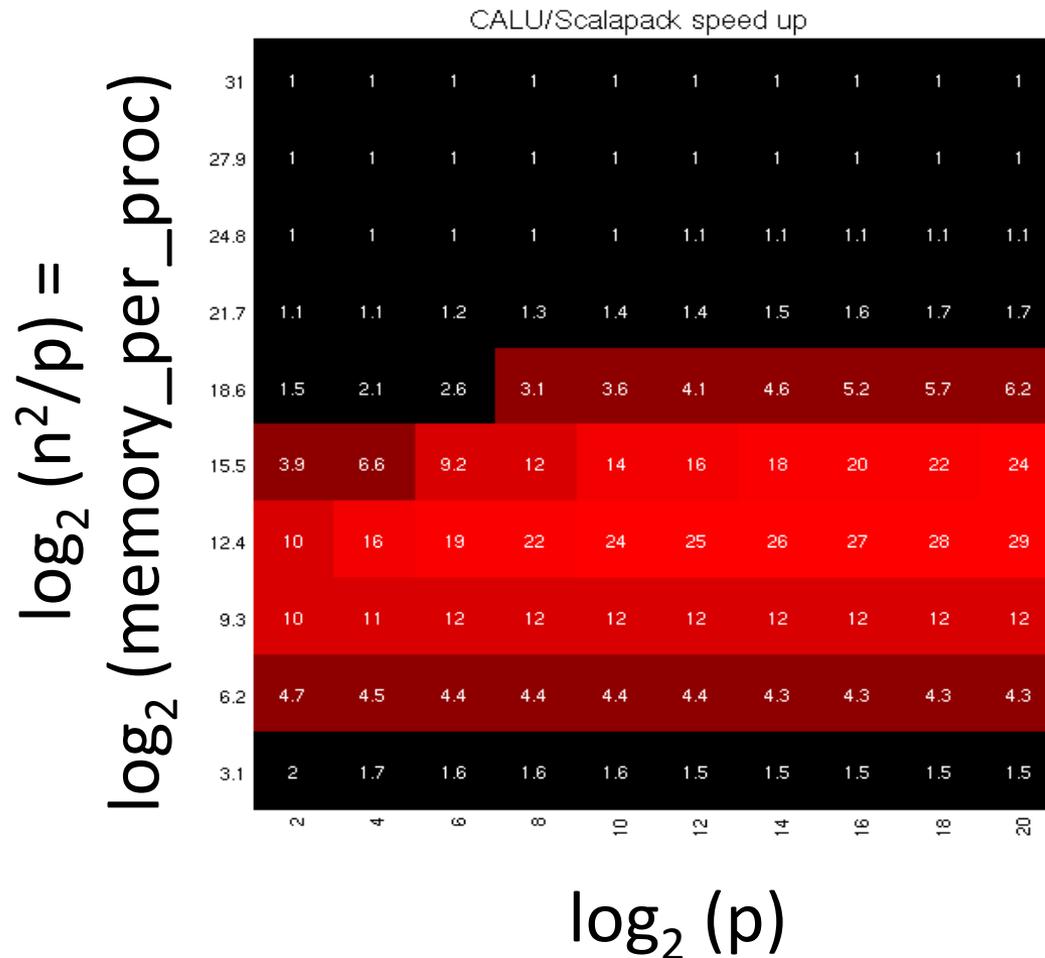
- Go back to W and use these b pivot rows
 - Move them to top, do LU without pivoting
 - Extra work, but lower order term
- Thm: As numerically stable as Partial Pivoting on a larger matrix

Exascale Machine Parameters

Source: DOE Exascale Workshop

- $2^{20} \approx 1,000,000$ nodes
- 1024 cores/node (a billion cores!)
- 100 GB/sec interconnect bandwidth
- 400 GB/sec DRAM bandwidth
- 1 microsec interconnect latency
- 50 nanosec memory latency
- 32 Petabytes of memory
- 1/2 GB total L1 on a node

Exascale predicted speedups for Gaussian Elimination: 2D CA-LU vs ScaLAPACK-LU



Ongoing Work

- Lots more work on
 - Algorithms:
 - BLAS, LDL^T , QR with pivoting, other pivoting schemes, eigenproblems, ...
 - All-pairs-shortest-path, ...
 - Both 2D ($c=1$) and 2.5D ($c>1$)
 - But only bandwidth may decrease with $c>1$, not latency (eg LU)
 - Platforms:
 - Multicore, cluster, GPU, cloud, heterogeneous, low-energy, ...
 - Software:
 - Integration into Sca/LAPACK, PLASMA, MAGMA,...
- Integration into applications (on IBM BG/Q)
 - CTF (with ANL): symmetric tensor contractions

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Communication Lower Bounds for Strassen-like matmul algorithms

Classical
 $O(n^3)$ matmul:

#words_moved =
 $\Omega(M(n/M^{1/2})^3/P)$

Strassen's
 $O(n^{\lg 7})$ matmul:

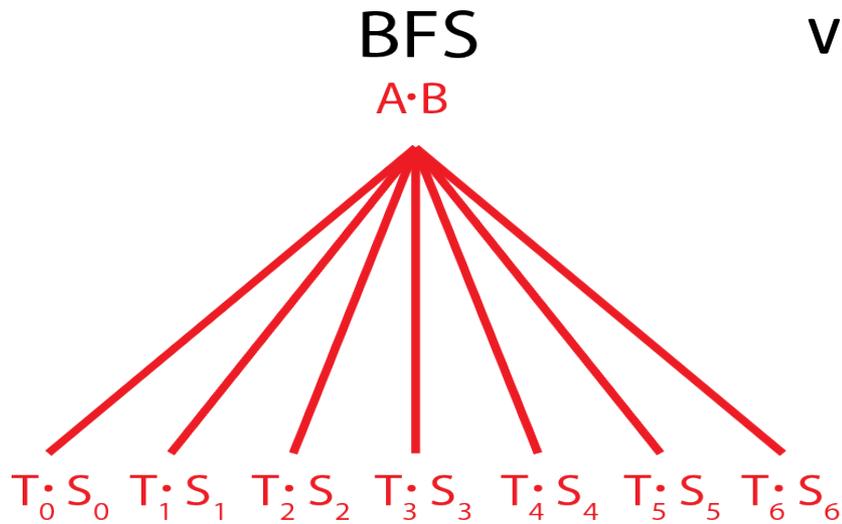
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Strassen-like
 $O(n^\omega)$ matmul:

#words_moved =
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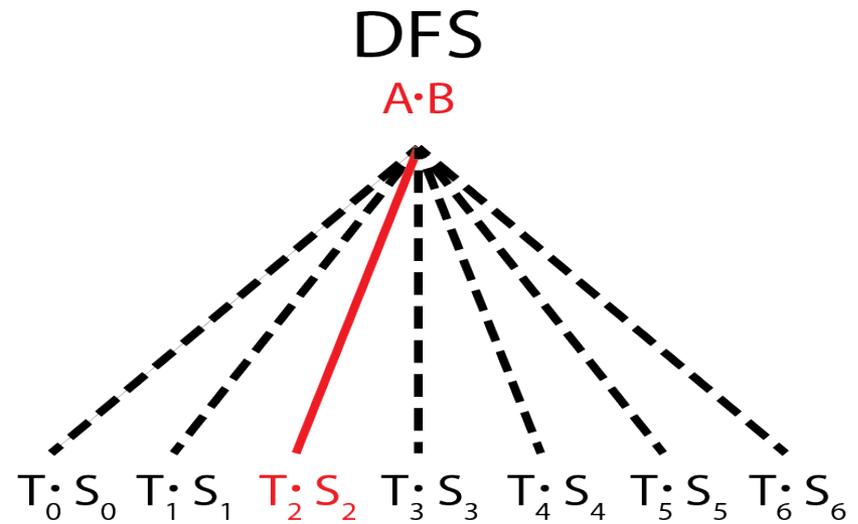
- Proof: graph expansion (different from classical matmul)
 - Strassen-like: DAG must be “regular” and connected
- Extends up to $M = n^2 / p^{2/\omega}$
- Best Paper Prize (SPAA'11), Ballard, D., Holtz, Schwartz,
also in JACM
- Is the lower bound attainable?

Communication Avoiding Parallel Strassen (CAPS)



Runs all 7 multiplies in parallel
Each on $P/7$ processors
Needs $7/4$ as much memory

vs.



Runs all 7 multiplies sequentially
Each on all P processors
Needs $1/4$ as much memory

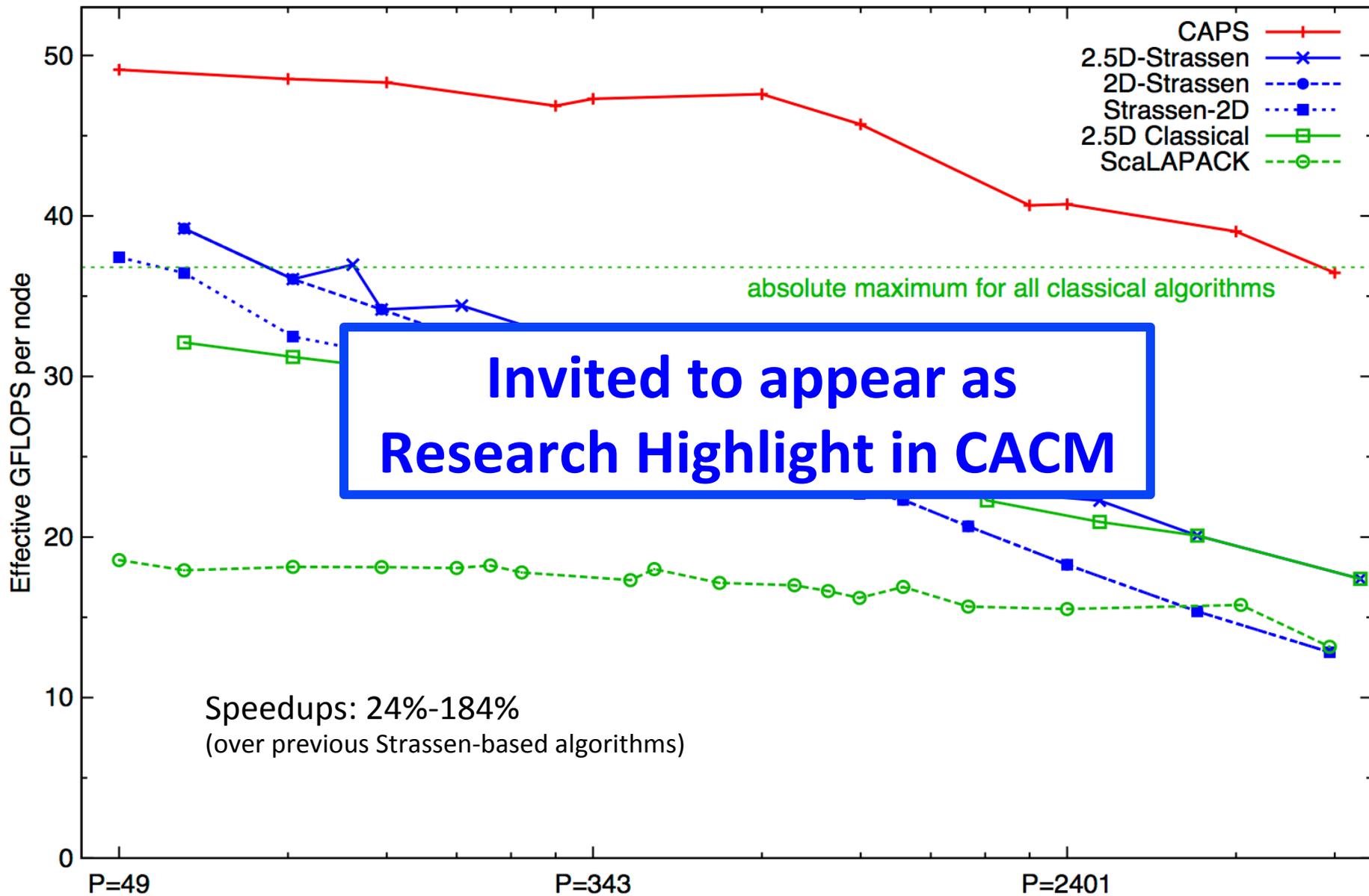
CAPS

If EnoughMemory and $P \geq 7$
then BFS step
else DFS step
end if

Best way to interleave
BFS and DFS is a
tuning parameter

Performance Benchmarking, Strong Scaling Plot

Franklin (Cray XT4) n = 94080



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Recall optimal sequential Matmul

- Naïve code
for $i=1:n$, for $j=1:n$, for $k=1:n$, $C(i,j)+=A(i,k)*B(k,j)$
- “Blocked” code
for $i_1 = 1:b:n$, for $j_1 = 1:b:n$, for $k_1 = 1:b:n$
for $i_2 = 0:b-1$, for $j_2 = 0:b-1$, for $k_2 = 0:b-1$
 $i=i_1+i_2$, $j = j_1+j_2$, $k = k_1+k_2$
 $C(i,j)+=A(i,k)*B(k,j)$ } $b \times b$ matmul
- Thm: Picking $b = M^{1/2}$ attains lower bound:
 $\#words_moved = \Omega(n^3/M^{1/2})$
- Where does $1/2$ come from?

New Thm applied to Matmul

- for $i=1:n$, for $j=1:n$, for $k=1:n$, $C(i,j) += A(i,k)*B(k,j)$
- Record array indices in matrix Δ

$$\Delta = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} i & j & k \end{matrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

- Solve LP for $x = [x_i, x_j, x_k]^T$: $\max \mathbf{1}^T x$ s.t. $\Delta x \leq \mathbf{1}$
 - Result: $x = [1/2, 1/2, 1/2]^T$, $\mathbf{1}^T x = 3/2 = s_{\text{HBL}}$
- Thm: $\#words_moved = \Omega(n^3/M^{s_{\text{HBL}}-1}) = \Omega(n^3/M^{1/2})$
 Attained by block sizes $M^{x_i}, M^{x_j}, M^{x_k} = M^{1/2}, M^{1/2}, M^{1/2}$

New Thm applied to Direct N-Body

- for $i=1:n$, for $j=1:n$, $F(i) += \text{force}(P(i) , P(j))$
- Record array indices in matrix Δ

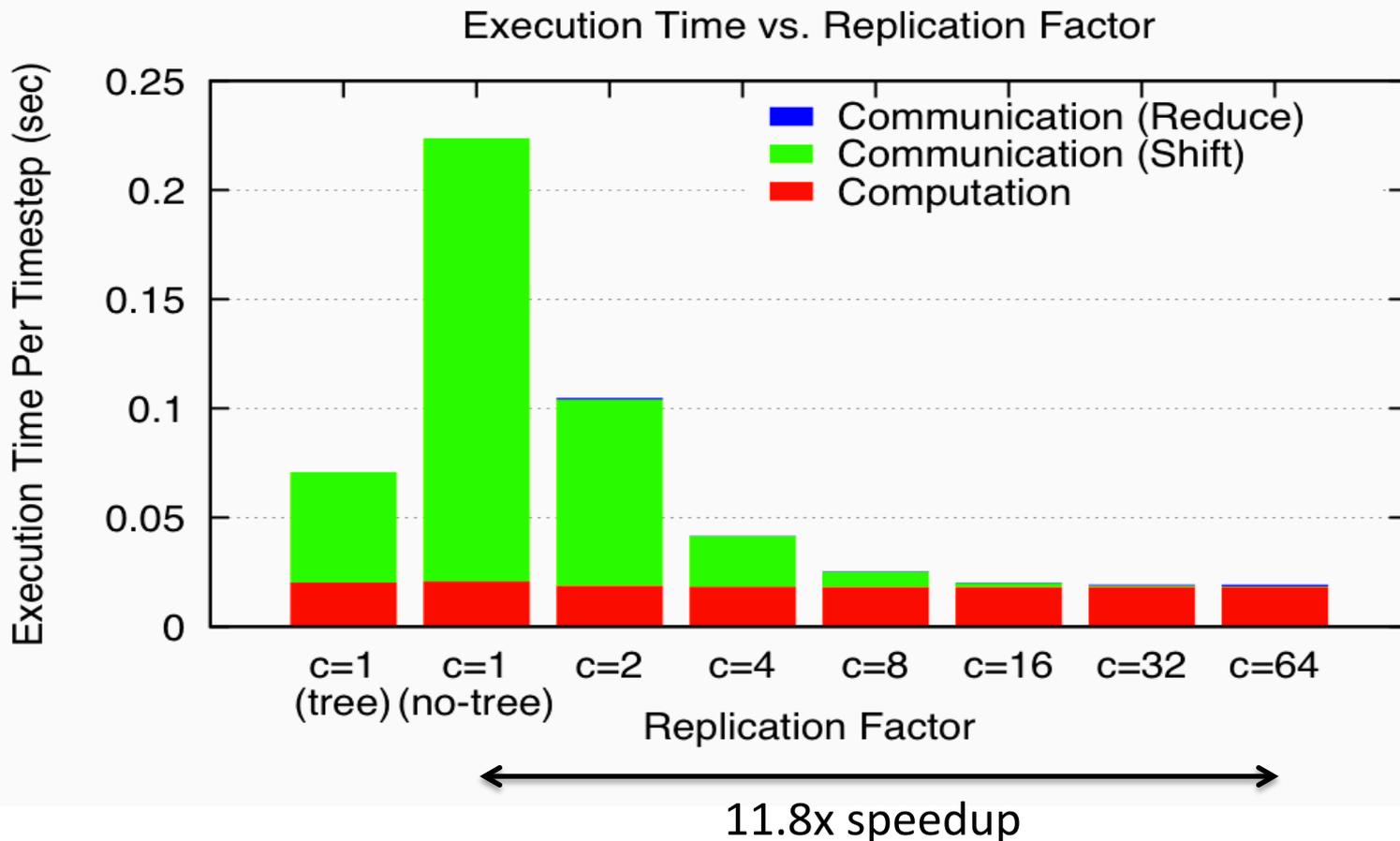
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- Solve LP for $x = [x_i, x_j]^T$: $\max \mathbf{1}^T x$ s.t. $\Delta x \leq \mathbf{1}$
 - Result: $x = [1, 1]$, $\mathbf{1}^T x = 2 = S_{\text{HBL}}$
- Thm: $\#\text{words_moved} = \Omega(n^2/M^{S_{\text{HBL}}-1}) = \Omega(n^2/M^1)$
 Attained by block sizes $M^{x_i}, M^{x_j} = M^1, M^1$

N-Body Speedups on IBM-BG/P (Intrepid)

8K cores, 32K particles

K. Yelick, E. Georganas, M. Driscoll, P. Koanantakool, E. Solomonik



New Thm applied to Random Code

- for $i_1=1:n$, for $i_2=1:n$, ... , for $i_6=1:n$
 - $A_1(i_1,i_3,i_6) += \text{func}_1(A_2(i_1,i_2,i_4),A_3(i_2,i_3,i_5),A_4(i_3,i_4,i_6))$
 - $A_5(i_2,i_6) += \text{func}_2(A_6(i_1,i_4,i_5),A_3(i_3,i_4,i_6))$

- Record array indices in matrix Δ

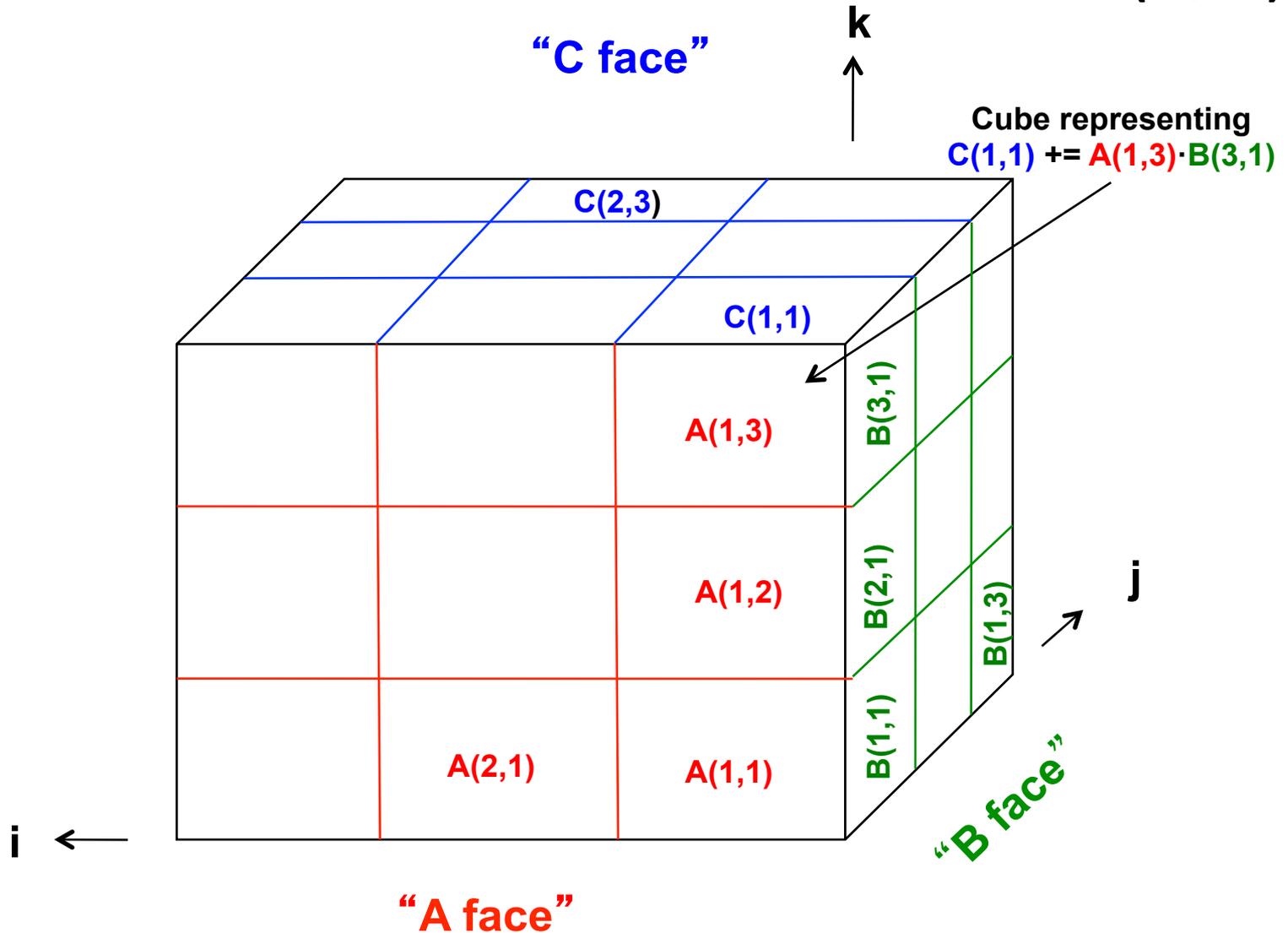
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- Solve LP for $x = [x_1, \dots, x_6]^T$: $\max \mathbf{1}^T x$ s.t. $\Delta x \leq \mathbf{1}$
 - Result: $x = [2/7, 3/7, 1/7, 2/7, 3/7, 4/7]$, $\mathbf{1}^T x = 15/7 = S_{\text{HBL}}$
- Thm: $\#\text{words_moved} = \Omega(n^6/M^{S_{\text{HBL}}-1}) = \Omega(n^6/M^{8/7})$
 Attained by block sizes $M^{2/7}, M^{3/7}, M^{1/7}, M^{2/7}, M^{3/7}, M^{4/7}$

Where do lower and matching upper bounds on communication come from? (1/3)

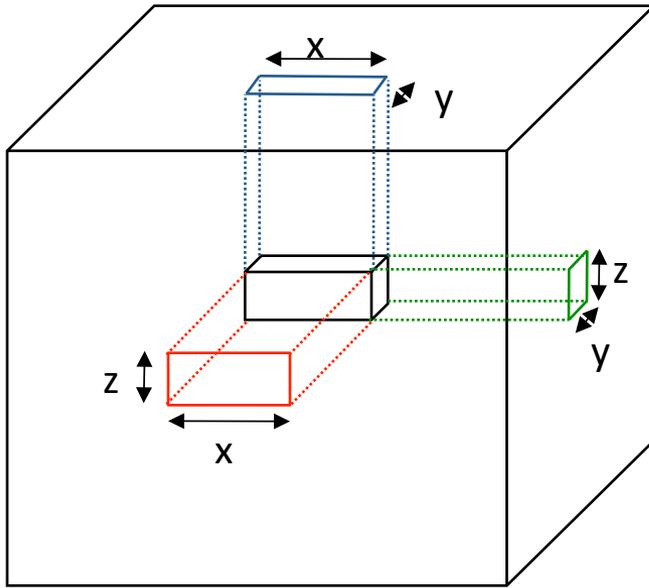
- Originally for $C = A * B$ by Irony/Tiskin/Toledo (2004)
- Proof idea
 - Suppose we can bound $\# \text{useful_operations} \leq G$ doable with data in fast memory of size M
 - So to do $F = \# \text{total_operations}$, need to fill fast memory F/G times, and so $\# \text{words_moved} \geq MF/G$
- Hard part: finding G
- Attaining lower bound
 - Need to “block” all operations to perform $\sim G$ operations on every chunk of M words of data

Proof of communication lower bound (2/3)

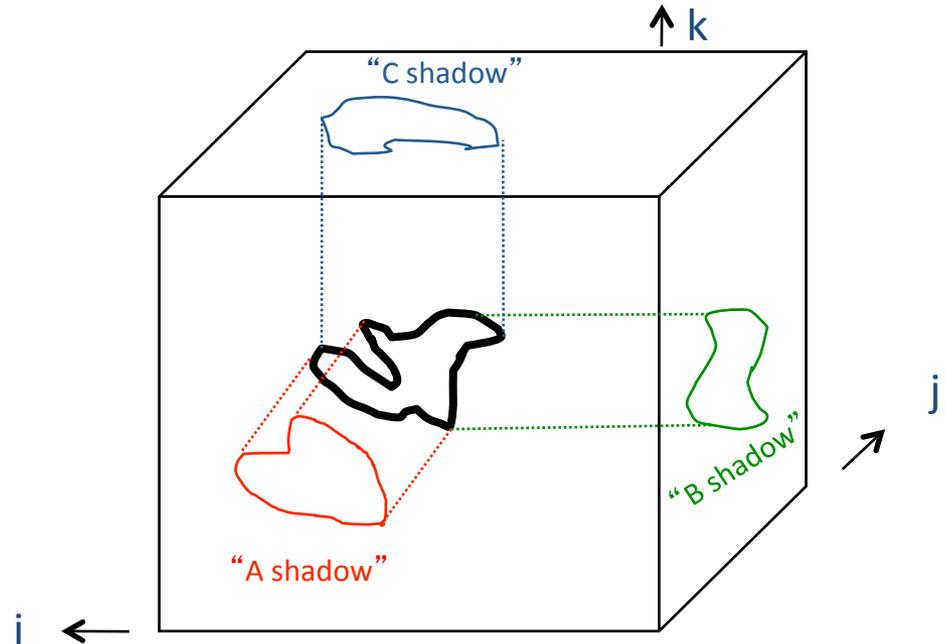


- If we have at most M “A squares”, M “B squares”, and M “C squares”, how many cubes G can we have? 59

Proof of communication lower bound (3/3)



$$\begin{aligned}
 G &= \# \text{ cubes in black box with} \\
 &\quad \text{side lengths } x, y \text{ and } z \\
 &= \text{Volume of black box} \\
 &= x \cdot y \cdot z \\
 &= (xz \cdot zy \cdot yx)^{1/2} \\
 &= (\#A_{\square s} \cdot \#B_{\square s} \cdot \#C_{\square s})^{1/2} \\
 &\leq M^{3/2}
 \end{aligned}$$



(i, k) is in “A shadow” if (i, j, k) in 3D set
 (j, k) is in “B shadow” if (i, j, k) in 3D set
 (i, j) is in “C shadow” if (i, j, k) in 3D set

Thm (Loomis & Whitney, 1949)

$$\begin{aligned}
 G &= \# \text{ cubes in 3D set} = \text{Volume of 3D set} \\
 &\leq (\text{area(A shadow)} \cdot \text{area(B shadow)} \cdot \\
 &\quad \text{area(C shadow)})^{1/2} \\
 &\leq M^{3/2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Approach to generalizing lower bounds

- Matmul

for $i=1:n$, for $j=1:n$, for $k=1:n$,

$$C(i,j) += A(i,k) * B(k,j)$$

=> for (i,j,k) in $S = \text{subset of } Z^3$

Access locations indexed by (i,j) , (i,k) , (k,j)

- General case

for $i_1=1:n$, for $i_2 = i_1:m$, ... for $i_k = i_3:i_4$

$$C(i_1+2*i_3-i_7) = \text{func}(A(i_2+3*i_4, i_1, i_2, i_1+i_2, \dots), B(\text{pnt}(3*i_4)), \dots)$$

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- Goal: Communication lower bounds, optimal algorithms for *any* program that looks like this

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- Can we bound $\#loop_iterations (= |S|)$

given bounds on $\#points$ in its images, i.e. bounds on $|\phi_C(S)|$, $|\phi_A(S)|$, ... ?

General Communication Bound

- Given subset of loop iterations, how much data do we need?
 - Given S subset of Z^k , group homomorphisms ϕ_1, ϕ_2, \dots , bound $|S|$ in terms of $|\phi_1(S)|, |\phi_2(S)|, \dots, |\phi_m(S)|$
- Def: Hölder-Brascamp-Lieb LP (HBL-LP) for s_1, \dots, s_m :
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 - Ex: For Matmul, $x = [1/2, 1/2, 1/2]$ so optimal tiling is $M^{1/2} \times M^{1/2} \times M^{1/2}$

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- Thm: (good news) Easy to approximate, i.e. get upper or lower bounds on s_{HBL}

Is this bound attainable (2/2)?

- Depends on loop dependencies
- Best case: none, or reductions (matmul)
- Thm: When all $\phi_j = \{\text{subset of indices}\}$, dual of HBL-LP gives optimal tile sizes:

$$\text{HBL-LP:} \quad \text{minimize } 1^T * s \quad \text{s.t. } s^T * \Delta \geq 1^T$$

$$\text{Dual-HBL-LP:} \quad \text{maximize } 1^T * x \quad \text{s.t. } \Delta * x \leq 1$$

Then for sequential algorithm, tile i_j by M^{x_j}

- Ex: Matmul: $s = [1/2 , 1/2 , 1/2]^T = x$
- Extends to unimodular transforms of indices

Ongoing Work

- Implement/improve algorithms to generate for lower bounds, optimal algorithms
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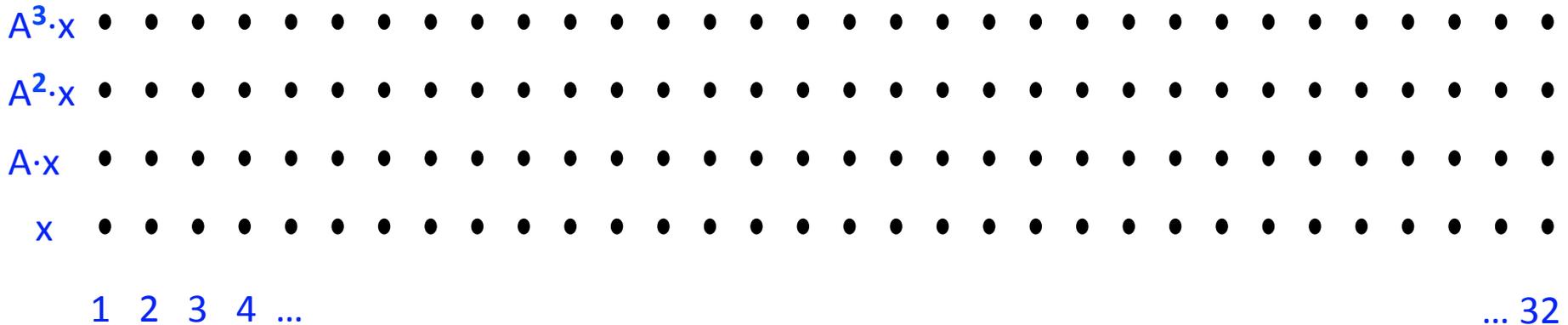
Avoiding Communication in Iterative Linear Algebra

- k-steps of iterative solver for sparse $Ax=b$ or $Ax=\lambda x$
 - Does k SpMV's with A and starting vector
 - Many such “Krylov Subspace Methods”
 - Conjugate Gradients (CG), GMRES, Lanczos, Arnoldi, ...
- Goal: minimize communication
 - Assume matrix “well-partitioned”
 - Serial implementation
 - Conventional: $O(k)$ moves of data from slow to fast memory
 - **New: $O(1)$ moves of data – optimal**
 - Parallel implementation on p processors
 - Conventional: $O(k \log p)$ messages (k SpMV calls, dot prods)
 - **New: $O(\log p)$ messages - optimal**
- Lots of speed up possible (modeled and measured)
 - Price: some redundant computation
 - Challenges: Poor partitioning, Preconditioning, Num. Stability

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- Replace k iterations of $y = A \cdot x$ with $[Ax, A^2x, \dots, A^kx]$

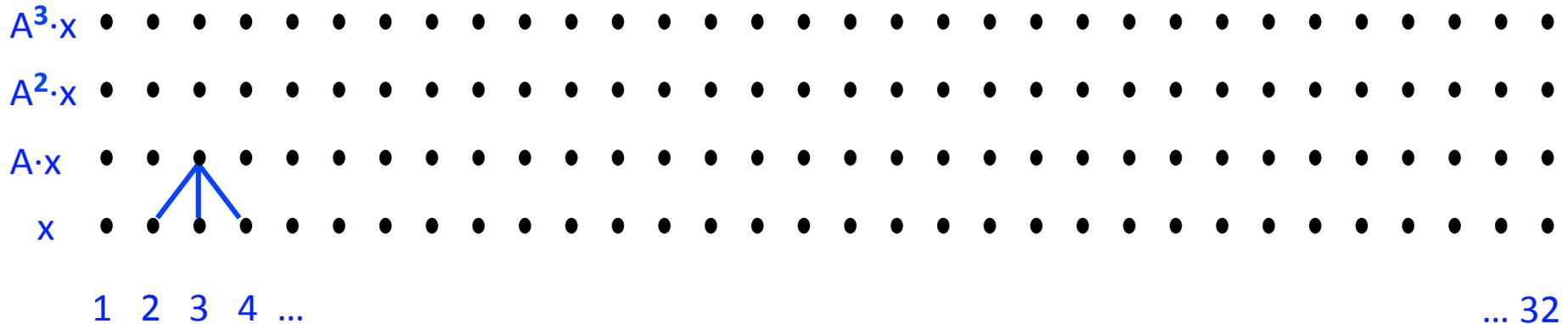


- Example: A tridiagonal, $n=32$, $k=3$
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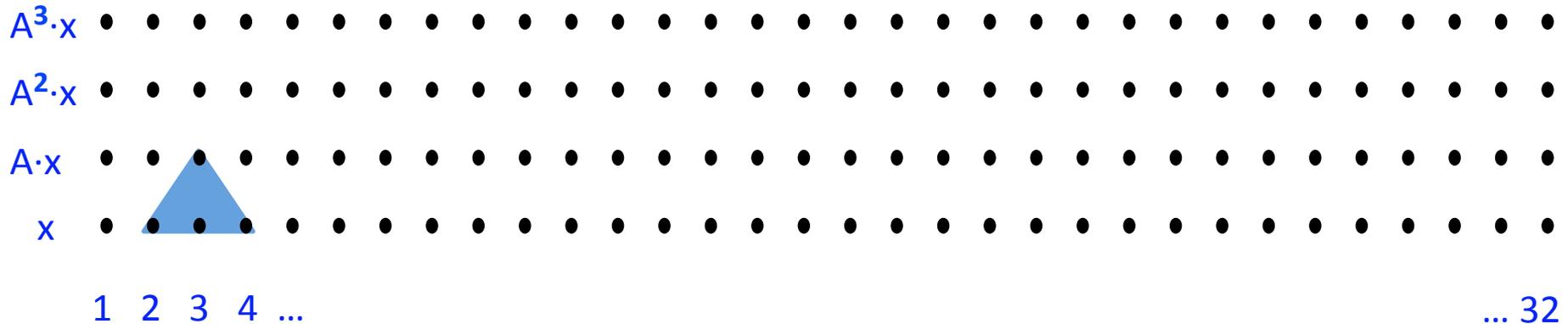


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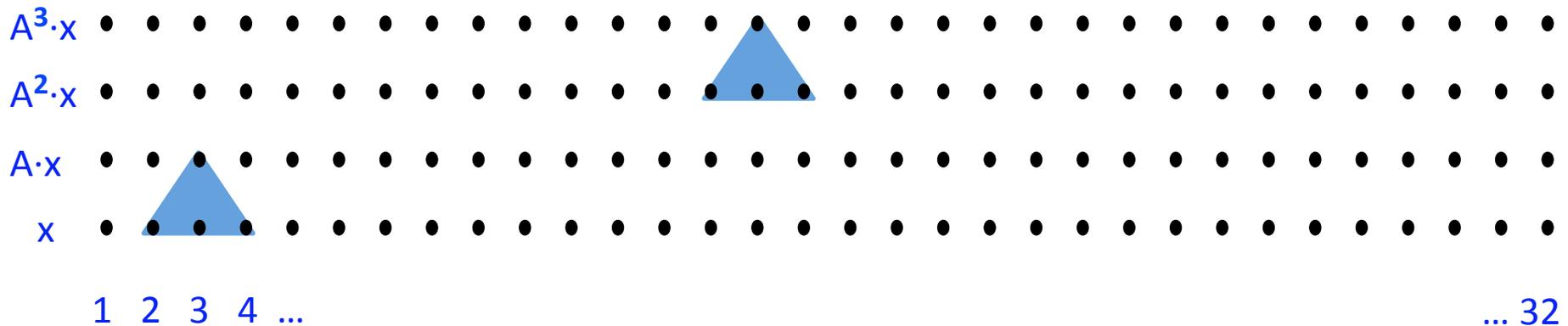


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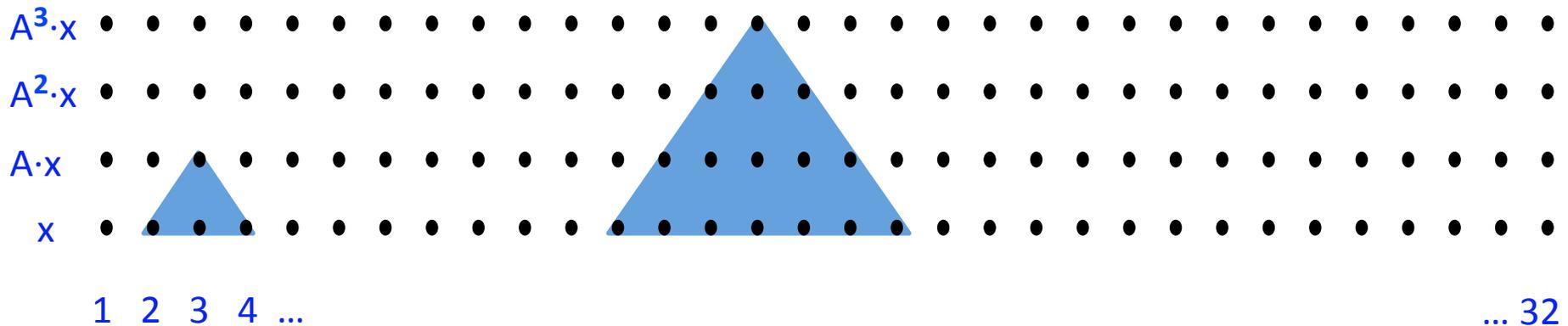


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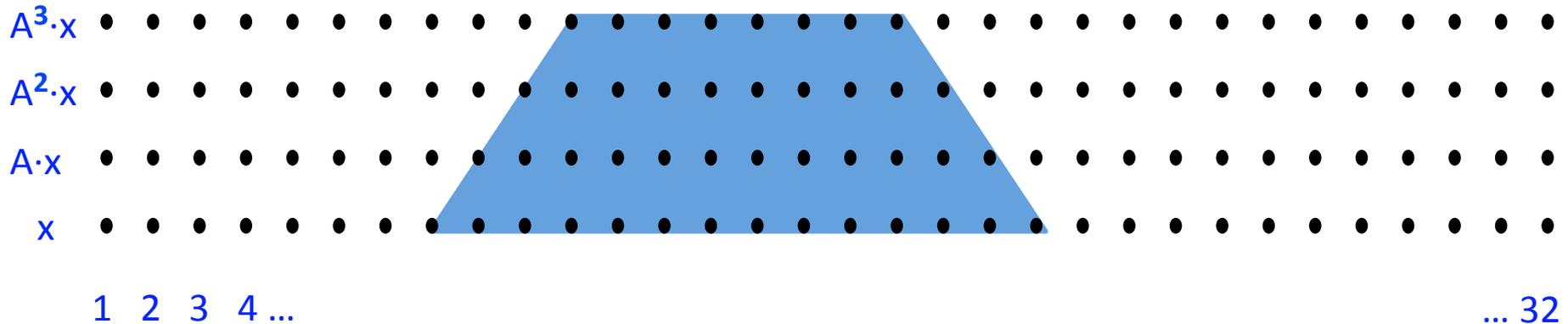


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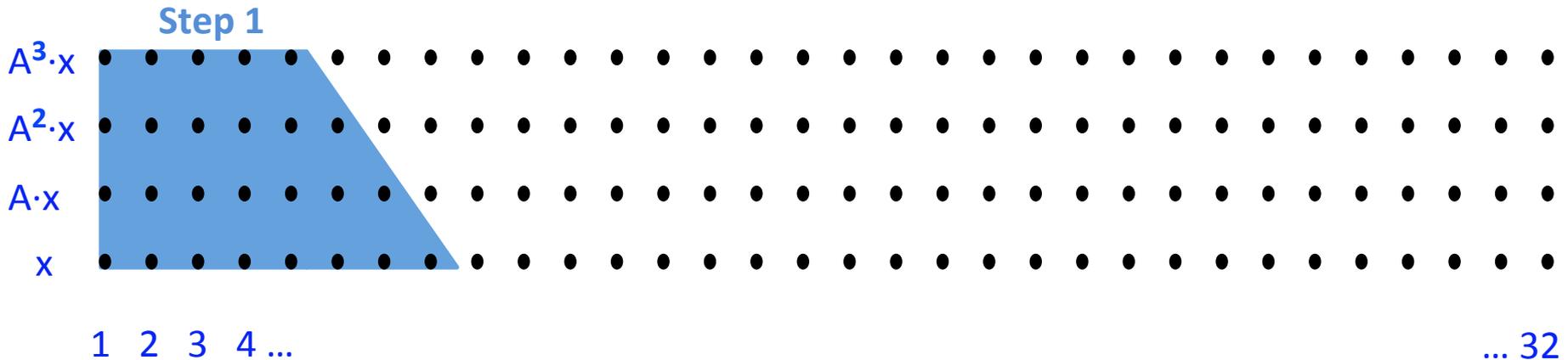


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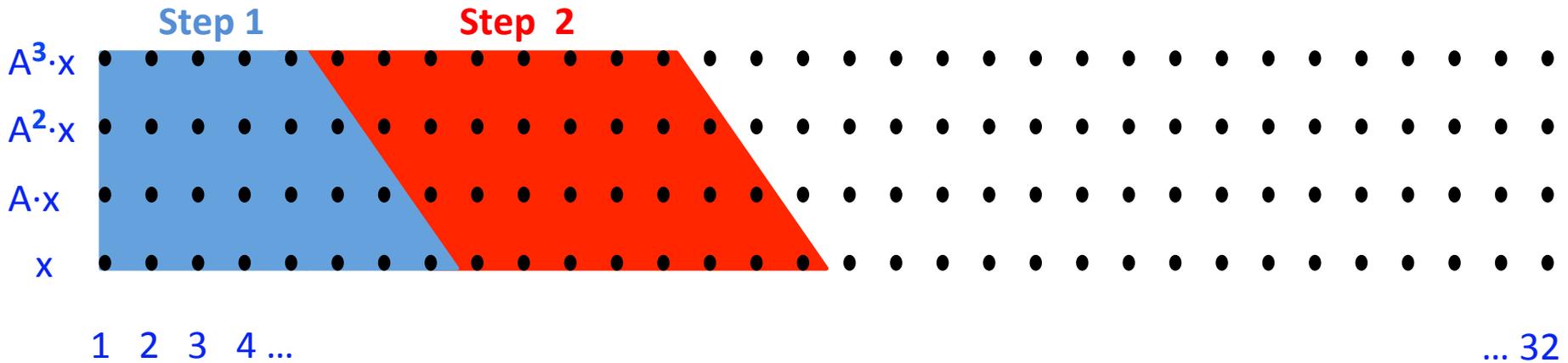


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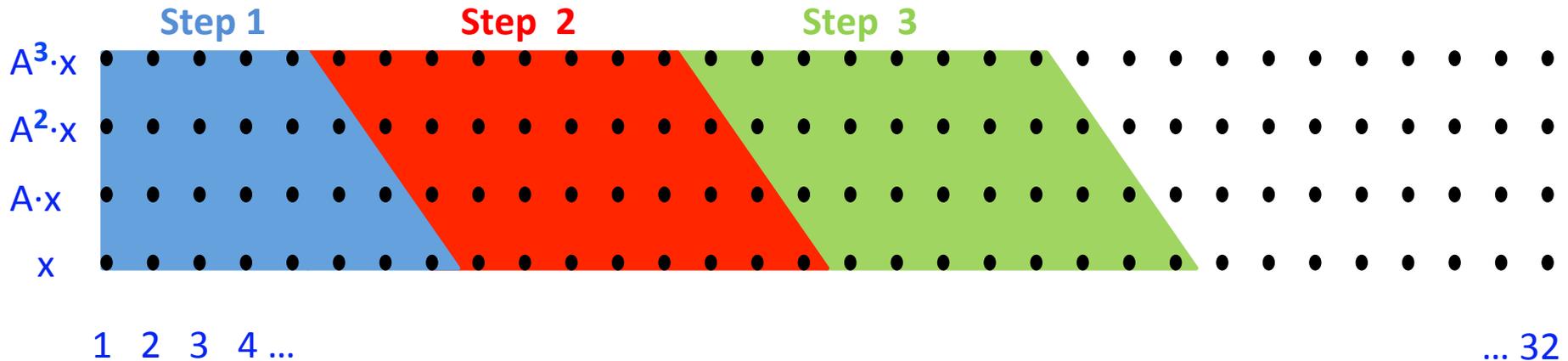


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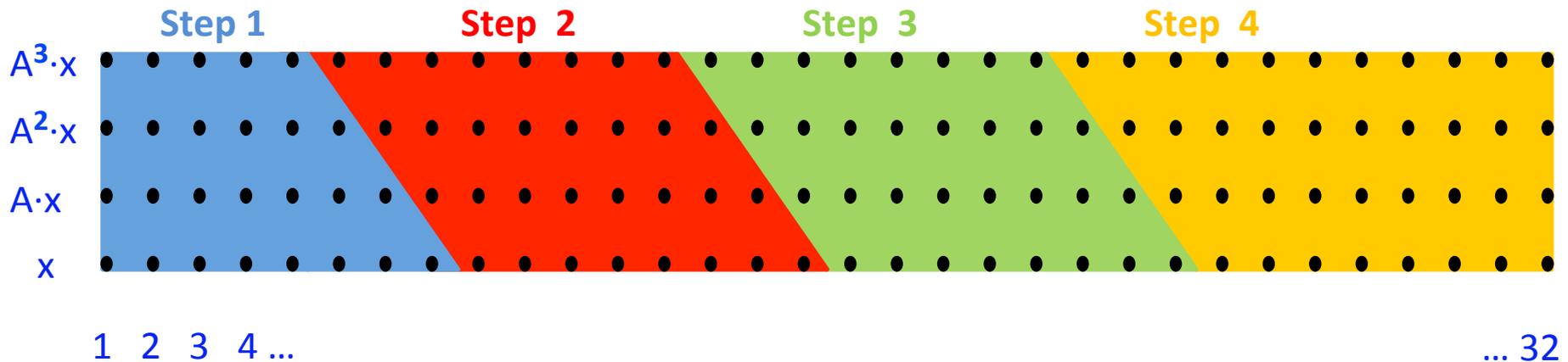


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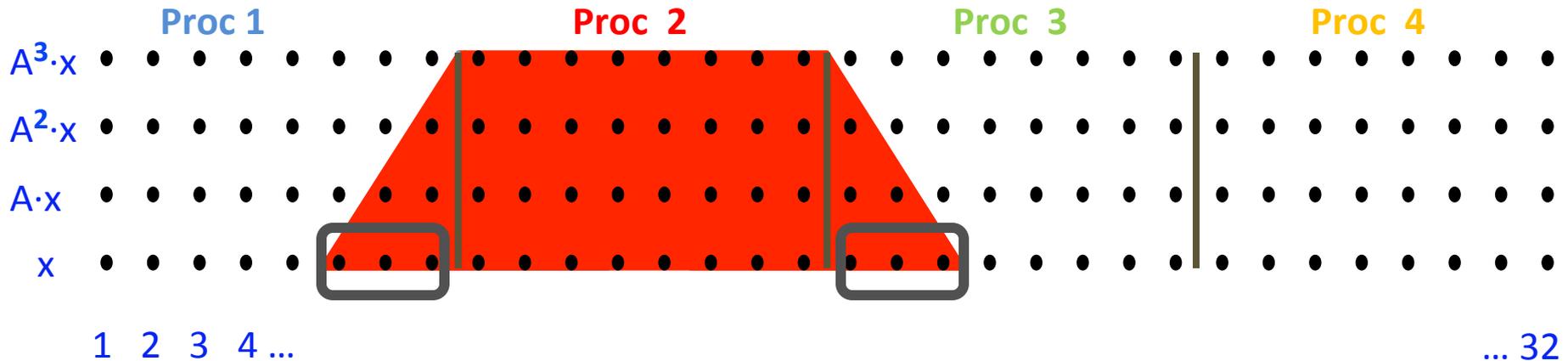


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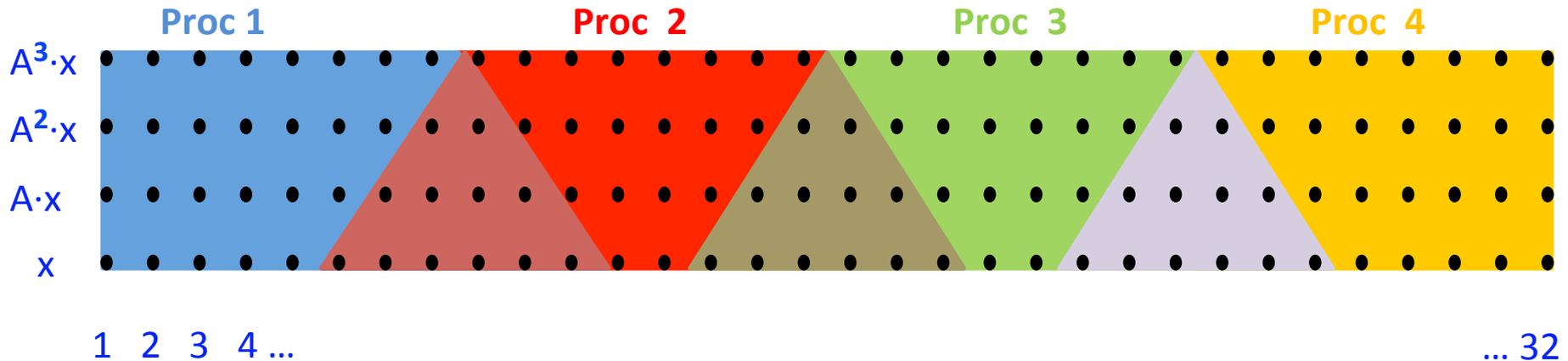


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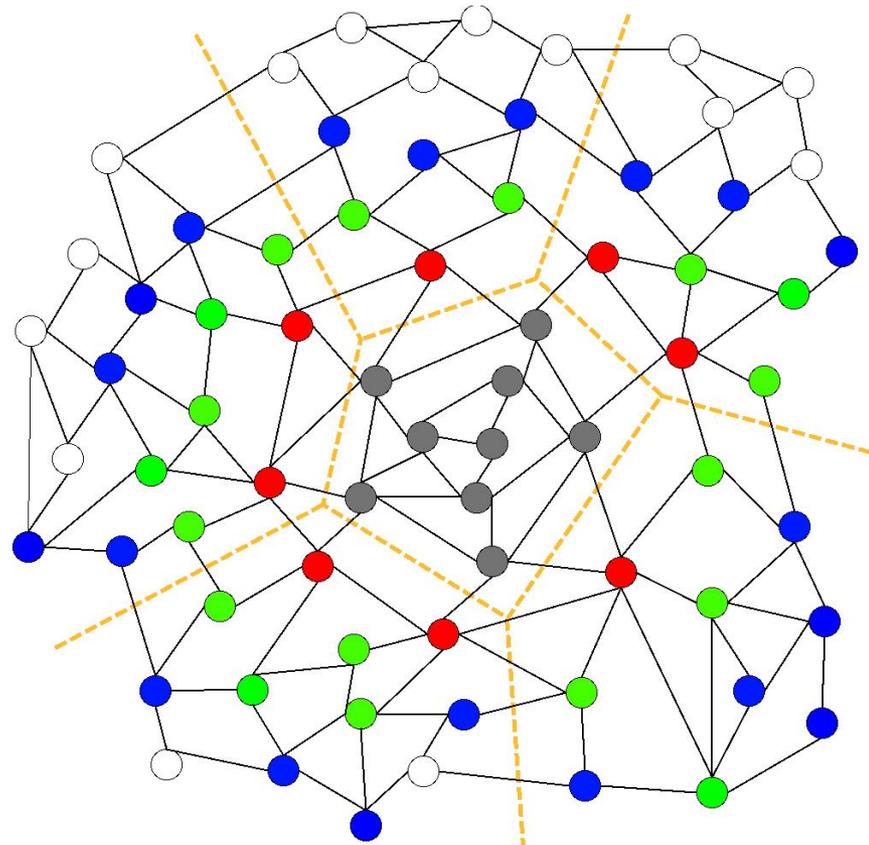
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- Each processor works on (overlapping) trapezoid

Communication Avoiding Kernels: The Matrix Powers Kernel : $[Ax, A^2x, \dots, A^kx]$

Same idea works for general sparse matrices

Simple block-row partitioning →
(hyper)graph partitioning

Top-to-bottom processing →
Traveling Salesman Problem



Minimizing Communication of GMRES to solve $Ax=b$

- GMRES: find x in $\text{span}\{b, Ab, \dots, A^k b\}$ minimizing $\|Ax - b\|_2$

Standard GMRES

for $i=1$ to k

$w = A \cdot v(i-1)$... *SpMV*

MGS($w, v(0), \dots, v(i-1)$)

update $v(i), H$

endfor

solve LSQ problem with H

Communication-avoiding GMRES

$W = [v, Av, A^2v, \dots, A^k v]$

$[Q, R] = \text{TSQR}(W)$

... *“Tall Skinny QR”*

build H from R

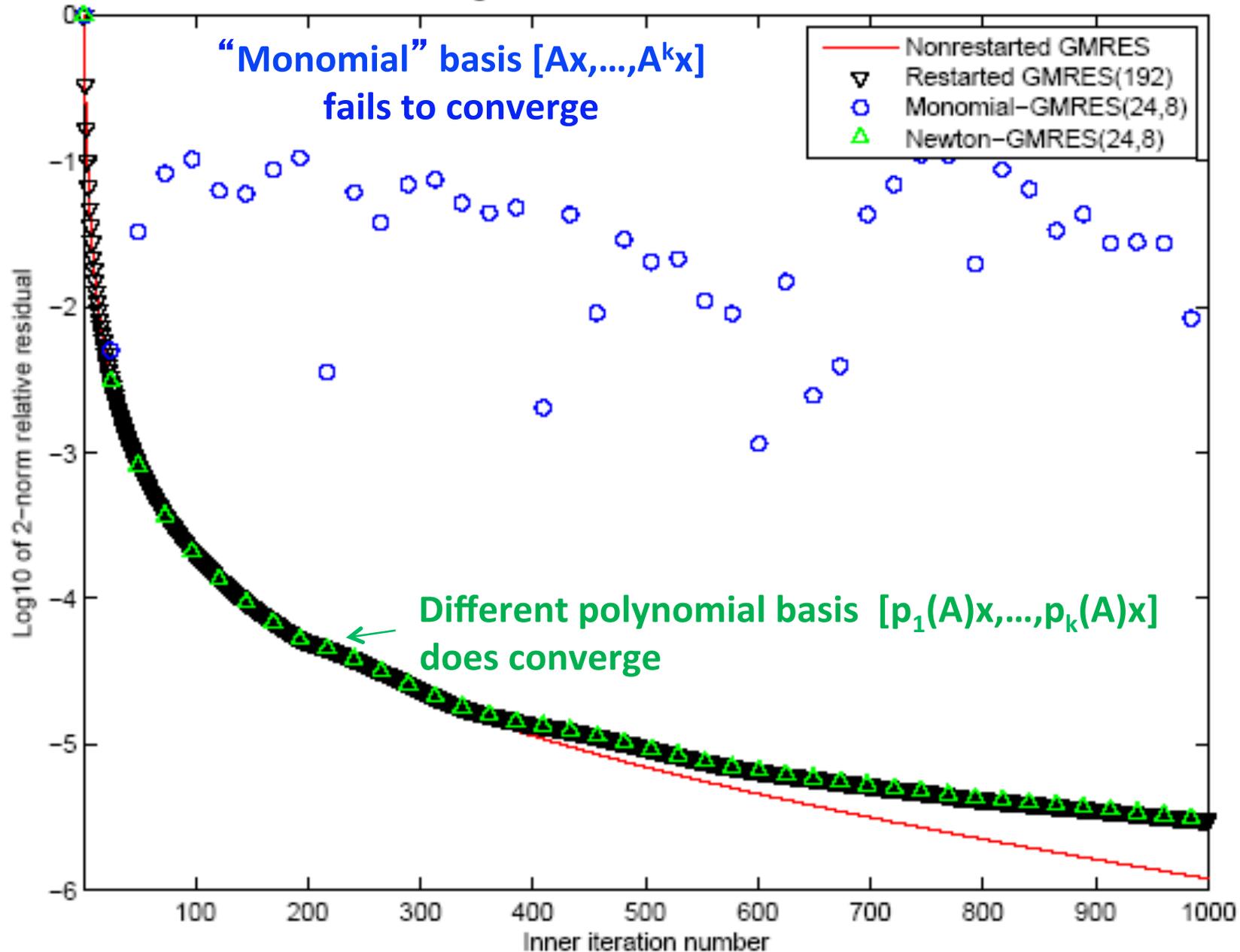
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Sequential case: #words moved decreases by a factor of k

Parallel case: #messages decreases by a factor of k

- **Oops – W from power method, precision lost!**

Matrix diag-cond-1.000000e-11: rel. 2-nrm resid.

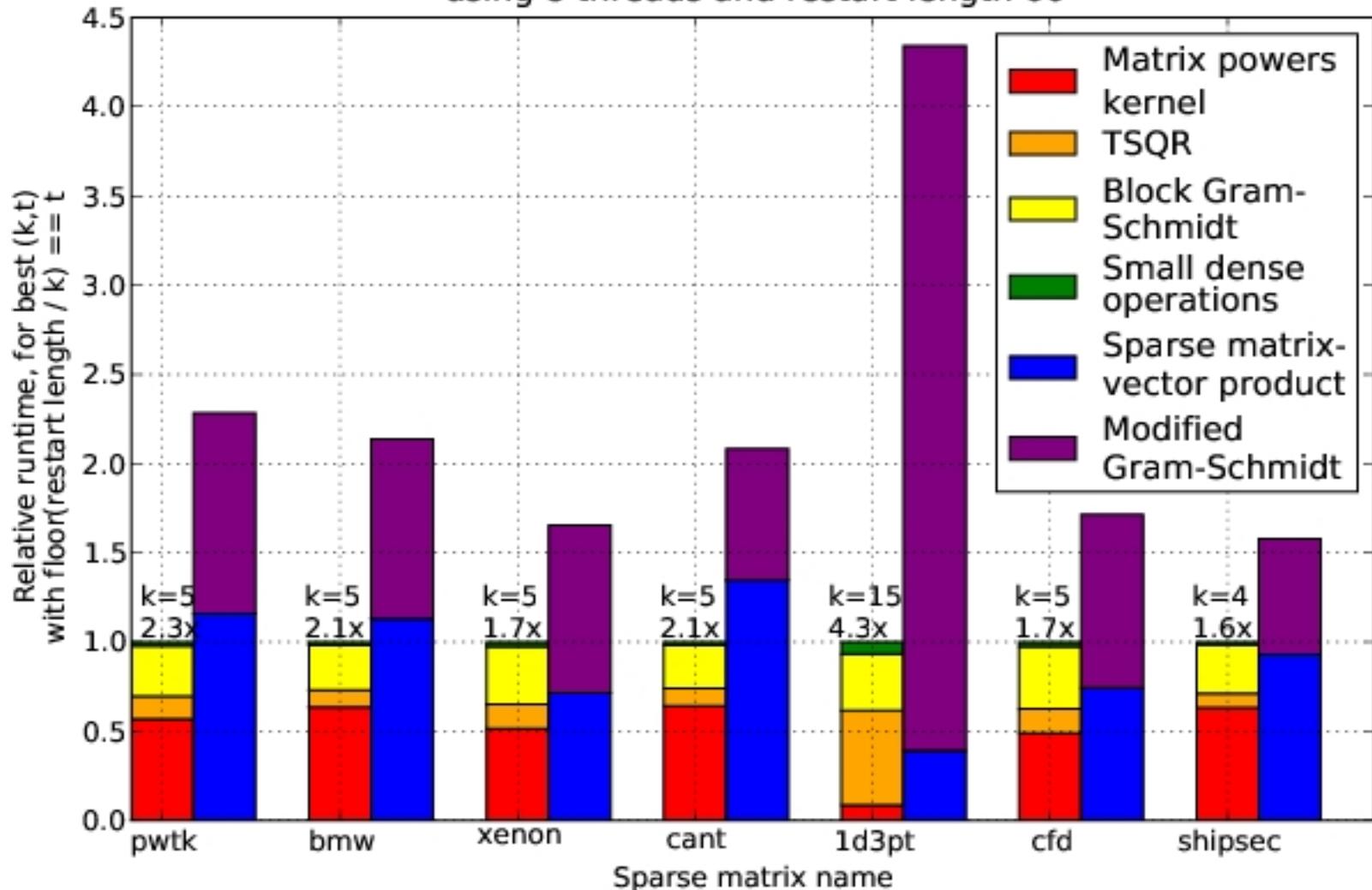


Speed ups of GMRES on 8-core Intel Clovertown

Requires Co-tuning Kernels

[MHDY09]

Runtime per kernel, relative to CA-GMRES(k,t), for all test matrices, using 8 threads and restart length 60



Compute $r_0 = b - Ax_0$. Choose r_0^* arbitrary.

Set $p_0 = r_0$, $q_{-1} = 0_{N \times 1}$.

For $k = 0, 1, \dots$, until convergence, Do

$$P = [p_{sk}, Ap_{sk}, \dots, A^s p_{sk}]$$

$$Q = [q_{sk-1}, Aq_{sk-1}, \dots, A^s q_{sk-1}]$$

$$R = [r_{sk}, Ar_{sk}, \dots, A^s r_{sk}]$$

//Compute the $1 \times (3s + 3)$ Gram vector.

$$g = (r_0^*)^T [P, Q, R]$$

//Compute the $(3s + 3) \times (3s + 3)$ Gram matrix

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} P^T \\ Q^T \\ R^T \end{bmatrix} [P \quad Q \quad R]$$

For $\ell = 0$ to s ,

$$b_{sk}^\ell = [B_1(:, \ell)^T, 0_{s+1}^T, 0_{s+1}^T]^T$$

$$c_{sk-1}^\ell = [0_{s+1}^T, B_2(:, \ell)^T, 0_{s+1}^T]^T$$

$$d_{sk}^\ell = [0_{s+1}^T, 0_{s+1}^T, B_3(:, \ell)^T]^T$$

1. Compute $r_0 := b - Ax_0$; r_0^* arbitrary;
2. $p_0 := r_0$.
3. For $j = 0, 1, \dots$, until convergence Do:
4. $\alpha_j := (r_j, r_0^*) / (Ap_j, r_0^*)$
5. $s_j := r_j - \alpha_j Ap_j$
6. $\omega_j := (As_j, s_j) / (As_j, As_j)$
7. $x_{j+1} := x_j + \alpha_j p_j + \omega_j s_j$
8. $r_{j+1} := s_j - \omega_j As_j$
9. $\beta_j := (r_{j+1}, r_0^*) / (r_j, r_0^*) \times \frac{\alpha_j}{\omega_j}$
10. $p_{j+1} := r_{j+1} + \beta_j (p_j - \omega_j Ap_j)$
11. EndDo

CA-BiCGStab

For $j = 0$ to $\lfloor \frac{s}{2} \rfloor - 1$, Do

$$\alpha_{sk+j} = \frac{\langle g, d_{sk+j}^0 \rangle}{\langle g, b_{sk+j}^1 \rangle}$$

$$q_{sk+j} = r_{sk+j} - \alpha_{sk+j} [P, Q, R] b_{sk+j}^1$$

For $\ell = 0$ to $s - 2j + 1$, Do

$$c_{sk+j}^\ell = d_{sk+j}^\ell - \alpha_{sk+j} b_{sk+j-1}^{\ell+1}$$

//such that $[P, Q, R] c_{sk+j}^\ell = A^\ell q_{sk+j}$

$$\omega_{sk+j} = \frac{\langle c_{sk+j+1}^1, Gc_{sk+j+1}^0 \rangle}{\langle c_{sk+j+1}^1, Gc_{sk+j+1}^1 \rangle}$$

$$x_{sk+j+1} = x_{sk+j} + \alpha_{sk+j} p_{sk+j} + \omega_{sk+j} q_{sk+j}$$

$$r_{sk+j+1} = q_{sk+j} - \omega_{sk+j} [P, Q, R] c_{sk+j+1}^1$$

For $\ell = 0$ to $s - 2j$, Do

$$d_{sk+j+1}^\ell = c_{sk+j+1}^\ell - \omega_{sk+j} c_{sk+j+1}^{\ell+1}$$

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$$\beta_{sk+j} = \frac{\langle g, d_{sk+j+1}^0 \rangle}{\langle g, d_{sk+j}^0 \rangle} \times \frac{\alpha}{\omega}$$

$$p_{sk+j+1} = r_{sk+j+1} + \beta_{sk+j} p_{sk+j} - \beta_{sk+j} \omega_{sk+j} [P, Q, R] b_{sk+j}^1$$

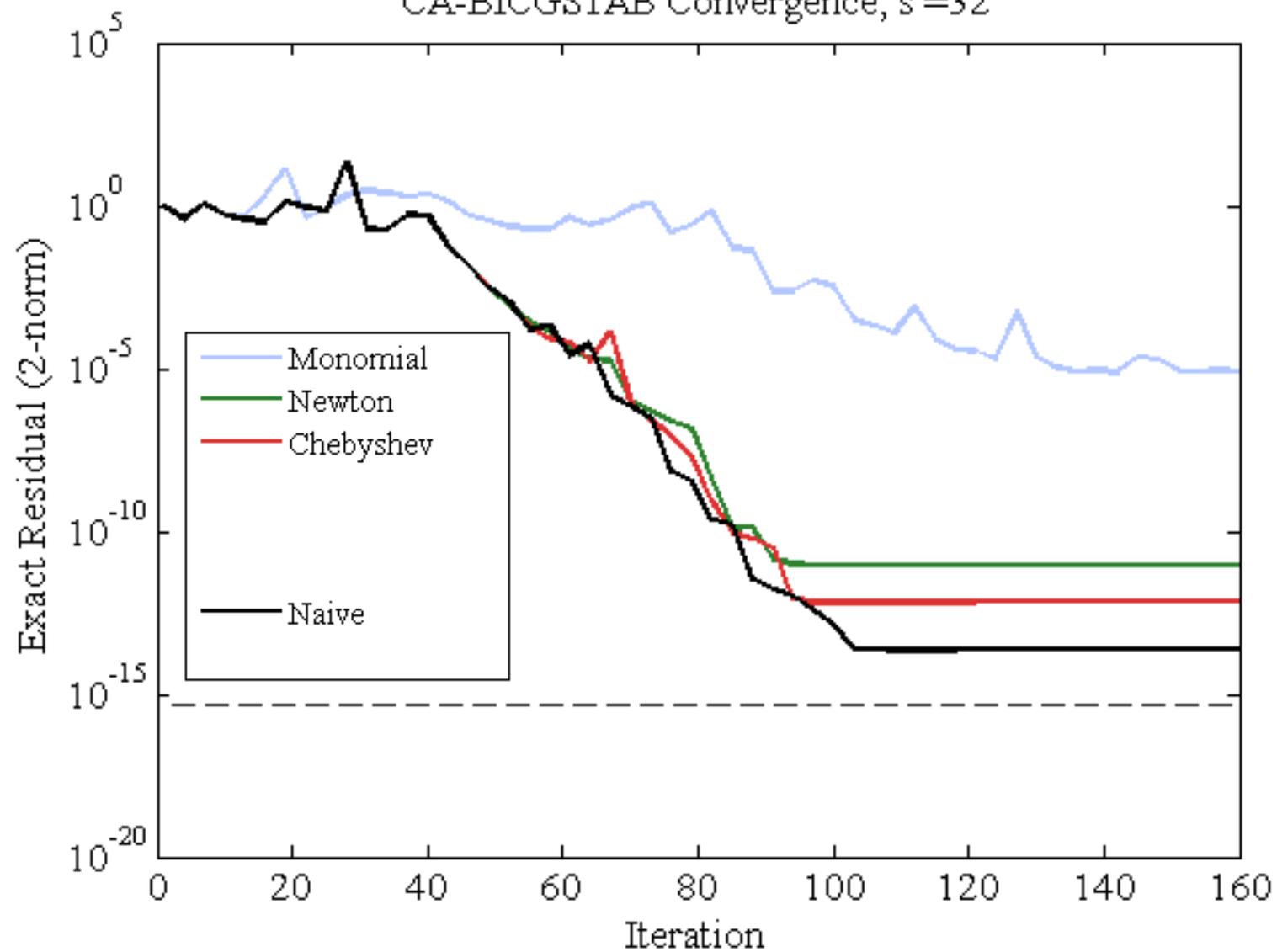
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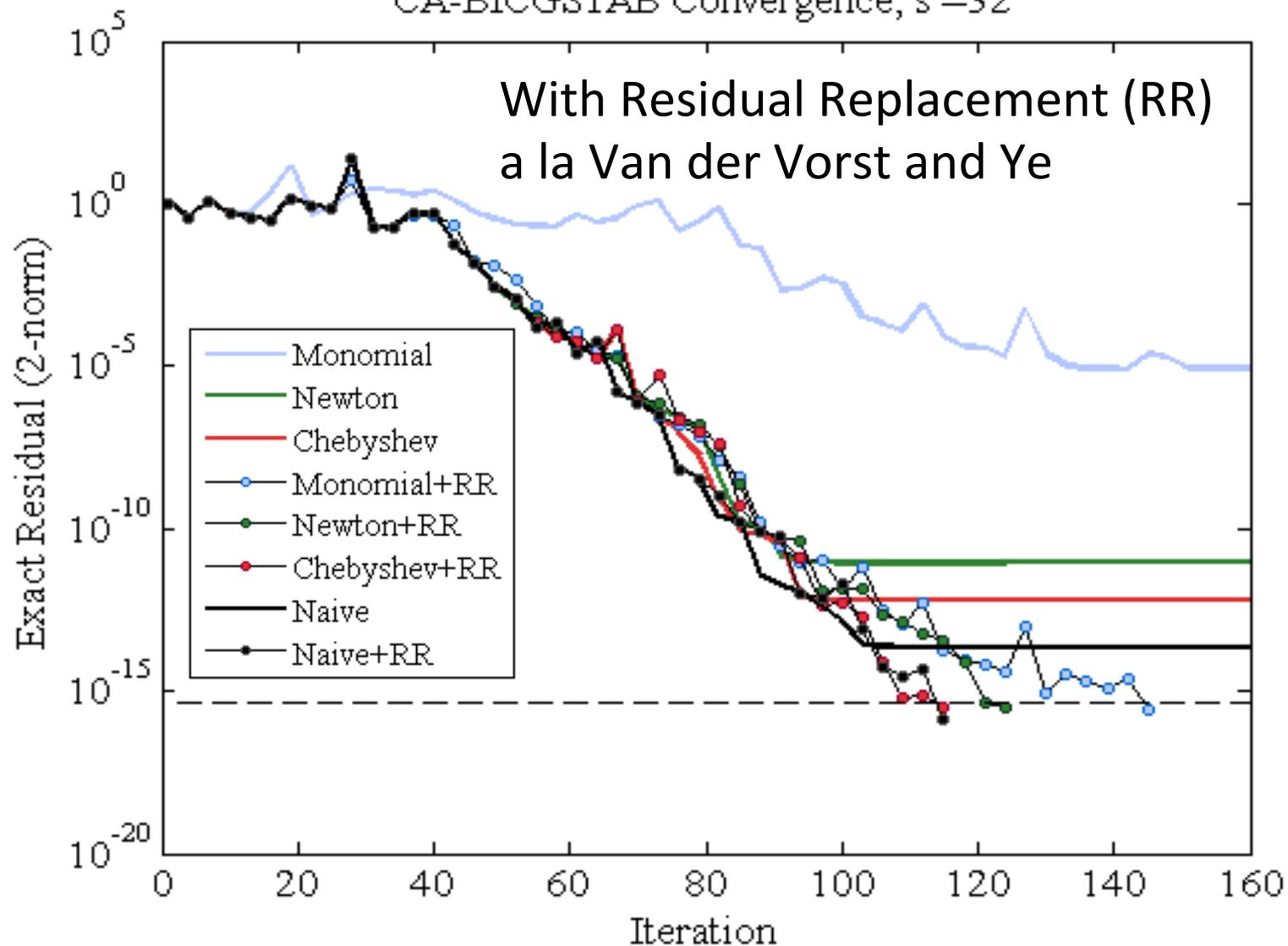
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EndDo

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CA-BICGSTAB Convergence, $s = 32$ 

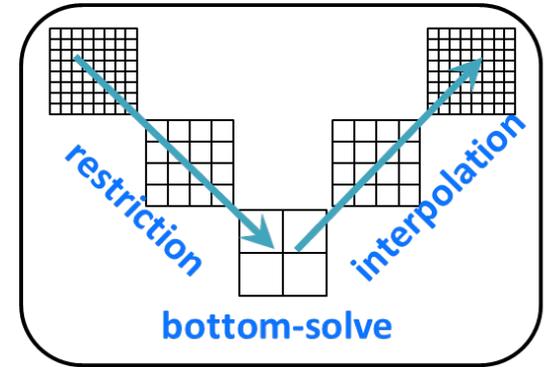
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	Naive	Monomial	Newton	Chebyshev
Replacement Its.	74 (1)	[7, 15, 24, 31, ..., 92, 97, 103] (17)	[67, 98] (2)	68 (1)

Speedups for GMG w/CA-KSM Bottom Solve

- Compared **BICGSTAB** vs. **CA-BICGSTAB** with $s = 4$ (monomial basis)
- Hopper at NERSC (Cray XE6), weak scaling:
Up to 4096 MPI processes (1 per chip,
24,576 cores total)
- Speedups for miniGMG benchmark (HPGMG benchmark predecessor)
– **4.2x** in bottom solve, **2.5x** overall GMG solve
- Implemented as a solver option in BoxLib and CHOMBO AMR frameworks
- Speedups for two BoxLib applications:
 - 3D LMC (a low-mach number combustion code)
 - **2.5x** in bottom solve, **1.5x** overall GMG solve
 - 3D Nyx (an N-body and gas dynamics code)
 - **2x** in bottom solve, **1.15x** overall GMG solve



Summary of Iterative Linear Algebra

- New lower bounds, optimal algorithms, big speedups in theory and practice
- Lots of other progress, open problems
 - Many different algorithms reorganized
 - More underway, more to be done
 - Need to recognize stable variants more easily
 - Preconditioning
 - Hierarchically Semiseparable Matrices
 - Autotuning and synthesis
 - Different kinds of “sparse matrices”

For more details

- Bebop.cs.berkeley.edu
 - 155 page survey in Acta Numerica
- CS267 – Berkeley’s Parallel Computing Course
 - Live broadcast in Spring 2014
 - www.cs.berkeley.edu/~demmel
 - All slides, video available
 - Prerecorded version broadcast in Spring 2014/5
 - www.xsede.org
 - Free supercomputer accounts to do homework
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algorithms and software
(and compilers)

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